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Boston Hoaxers Unrepentant

STUNT MAN: Peter Berdovsky, 27, is led into Charlestown District Court in Boston on Thursday, where he and Sean Stevens, 28, pleaded not guilty to placing a hoax device and disorderly conduct. The two, accused of stirring terrorism fears with a publicity stunt, mocked the media during a press conference after being released on bond. ❖ **Not laughing:** City furious at TV officials for play | **Page 4**

American Nest Eggs Shrinking

Rate of personal savings hits lowest level since Depression

WASHINGTON | Americans are saving at the lowest level since the Great Depression, and that could be a problem for the millions of baby boomers getting ready to retire.

In fact, the Commerce Department reported Thursday that the personal savings rate for all of 2006 was a negative 1 percent, the worst showing in 73 years. The negative rate means people are spending all of the money they have left after paying taxes — and then some. It follows a 0.4 percent negative rate in 2005.

Surveys indicate the nation's spendthrift ways are not likely to change any time soon. More than a third of 2,000 adults questioned recently by the Pew Research Center said they often or sometimes spend more than they can afford.

The young and the poor have the most trouble saving. Some 42 percent of people 18 to 49 said they are likely to spend more than they can afford. Among those with household incomes below \$30,000, some 45 percent said the same.

There have been only four years in history that the savings rate has fallen into negative territory. The other two were 1932 and 1933 during the Great Depression. (AP)

DOGS | Woman's Best Friend, Now A pet crematorium in Thiplo, England, will create diamonds for owners out of their dead pets' ashes, Metro reported. Pet Crematorium CPC makes the gems — which cost anywhere from \$4,100 to \$29,000 de-



pending on the size — using carbon from the ashes. "Having a stunning diamond created from the pet's ashes provides an everlasting link which some people find very comforting," spokesman Duncan Francis said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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PARKING

Time to Go Bicycle Shopping

A Toronto man was charged \$57,806.45 by a parking machine Saturday, the Toronto Sun reported. Tom Nolan purchased a two-hour ticket from the machine with a credit card, receiving a permit with the enormous charge. "I never called my credit card company faster," Nolan said. The company told him the charge wouldn't go through because his credit limit wasn't high enough. He put the ticket on his dash and went to dinner; parking officials said it must have been a computer mistake. "The machine is not supposed to ever charge more than \$100," Parking Authority president Maurice Anderson said. (EXPRESS)

PARANOIA

Even Flipper Can't Be Trusted

A dolphin's toy that resembled a bombscared spectators Wednesday and prompted officials at a Windley Key, Fla., marine park to call 911. The dolphin surfaced with a softball-sized glass jar with black and white materials in it. (AP)



AAAAUUUGGGHHHH

Hooking Up

When it comes to celebrating a major religious event, you may not necessarily be wearing your Sunday best, but you still want to be looking sharp. Like this guy with hooks on his back who Malaysian Hindu men pulled while parading in Batu Caves, Malaysia, on Thursday during the Thaipusam festival. Rooted in Hindu legend, the festival was brought from India by 19th-century immigrants and is now celebrated in cities throughout Malaysia. (EXPRESS)



When they drove this thing by the airport, the place erupted in mass panic.

PRESUMPTION

Loud Noise? Must Be a Plane Crash

Emergency services in Piddington, England, were called to the scene of a reported plane crash Saturday only to find a jet-powered motorcycle revving its engine, Newsquest News Service reported. The Colossus bike, the only "superbike" legal for road travel, was on display at a charity event. At the event, the Colossus' helicopter engine was fired up—causing an ambulance, fire service personnel and police to come to the scene on reports of a plane crash. "They were all very good-humored about it," said Derek Mason, owner of the property where the event was held. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief



Alfredo Fuentes spreads salt in a sidewalk in Charlotte, N.C., on Thursday.

RALEIGH, N.C.

Winter Storm Hits South

A winter storm rushed across the Southeast Thursday, closing schools and grounding flights a day after coating roads with deadly ice in the Plains. A winter storm warning covered the western Carolinas and northern Georgia on Thursday afternoon, and more than 4 inches of snow fell in spots. A wintry mix of snow and sleet reached as far south as Mississippi. Officials blamed at least one death on the icy roads. (AP)

CHICAGO

Federal Jury Acquits 2 Men Of Racketeering Charges

Muhammad Salah, 53, and Abdelhaleem Ashqar, 48, accused of furnishing money and fresh recruits to the militant Palestinian group Hamas, were acquitted by a federal jury Thursday of racketeering but convicted on lesser charges. The government described the three-month trial as a major component in its war on terrorism. (AP)

Casey: Half of Troop Boost Needed

2 senators take issue with compromise bill against war in Iraq

WASHINGTON | The outgoing top U.S. general in Iraq diplomatically aired his differences with the commander in chief on Thursday, telling lawmakers that President Bush has ordered thousands more troops into Iraq than needed to tamp down violence in Baghdad.

Gen. George Casey quickly added he understood how his recently confirmed successor, Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, could want the full complement of 21,500 additional troops that Bush has ordered to Iraq. Casey said they could "either reinforce success, maintain momentum or put more forces in a place where the



OUTSPOKEN: Gen. George Casey said Thursday during his confirmation hearing that the U.S. does not need the full 21,500-troop increase to secure Baghdad.

plans are not working."

As the general spoke at a Senate confirmation hearing into his nomination to become Army chief of staff, the full Senate lurched toward a widely anticipated debate on the administration's policy.

Critics of the war appeared to be coalescing around a revised measure advanced by Sen. John Warner, R-Va.. It says the Senate "disagrees with the 'plan' to augment our forces by 21,500, and urges the president instead to consider all options and alternatives."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Sen. Russell Feingold stand against the bill. Feingold, D-Wis., issued a statement saying the measure "misunderstands the situation in Iraq and shortchanges our national security interests." DAVID ESPO (AP)

Libby-Cheney Discussion at Issue

Judge OKs video from White House as trial recesses until Monday

WASHINGTON | Former vice presidential aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby acknowledged he may have discussed with Vice President Dick Cheney whether to tell reporters that a prominent war critic's wife worked at the CIA, an FBI agent testified Thursday.

Agent Deborah Bond's brief description of Libby's acknowl-

edgment was about the only new information disclosed on the day.

Otherwise, Libby's perjury trial was devoted mostly to dealing with vigorous and repeated defense efforts to exclude evidence that Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald called "the guts of our case."

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton accepted some defense argu-

ments and rejected others during hours-long debates held outside the jury's presence.

But the government was able to show the jury small portions of video of then-White House press secretary Scott McClellan saying President Bush would fire anyone who was found to have leaked classified information. The video also showed McClellan saying he had been assured Libby did not leak classified information.

At the end of the day, the trial recessed until Monday. (AP)



Libby

Wage Increase OK'd by Senate

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to boost the federal minimum wage by \$2.10 to \$7.25 an hour over two years, but packaged the increase with controversial tax cuts for small businesses and higher taxes for many \$1 million-plus executives.

The increase in the minimum, the first in a decade, was approved by a 94-3 vote, capping a nine-day debate over how to balance the wage hike with the needs of businesses that employ low-wage workers. (AP)

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The number of levees, from Maryland to California, that are at risk of failing, according to a list released Thursday by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Boston Ad Ploy Suspects Released

City officials furious with Turner company for marketing scheme

BOSTON | Two men who authorities say placed electronic advertising devices around the city were released from jail Thursday, apparently amused with the publicity stunt that stirred fears of terrorism and shut down parts of the city.

Peter Berdovsky, 27, and Sean Stevens, 28, were released on \$2,500 cash bond after each pleaded not guilty to placing a hoax device and disorderly conduct for a device found Wednesday at a subway station. They waved and smiled as they greeted people in court.

Outside, they met reporters and television cameras and launched into a nonsensical discussion of hair styles



HAIRY SITUATION: Sean Stevens, left, and Peter Berdovsky jump down stairs while leaving court in Boston Thursday. Later, they discussed '70s hairstyles with reporters.

of the 1970s. "What we really want to talk about today — it's kind of important to some people — it's haircuts of the 1970s," Berdovsky said.

Officials found 38 blinking electronic signs promoting the Cartoon Network show "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" on bridges and other high-profile spots across the city Wednesday, prompting the closing of a highway and the deployment of bomb squads. The network is a division of Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc.

"It is outrageous, in a post 9/11 world, that a company would use this type of marketing scheme," Mayor Thomas Menino said Wednesday. "I am prepared to take any and all legal action against Turner Broadcasting and its affiliates for any and all expenses incurred during the response to today's incidents."

JAY LINDSAY (AP)

Pandemic Guidelines Announced

Government installs a new ranking system to combat flu's spread

WASHINGTON | The government will grade the severity of the next flu pandemic just like forecasters grade hurricane strength — with a ranking system unveiled Thursday to help states determine when they should take increasingly strong steps to combat flu's spread.

At issue are old-fashioned infection-control measures that may help slow the spread of the next worldwide outbreak of a super-flu until vaccines become available, steps that range from home quarantine to closing schools and postponing sporting events. But those measures can increase a pandemic's economic fallout, and even have unintended consequences. Closing schools, for example, can keep adults home from work to care for children.

The new guidelines, from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, don't tell states what infection-control steps to take and make clear that rushing to implement them could do more harm than good. (AP)

S.F. Mayor 'Deeply Sorry' for Affair

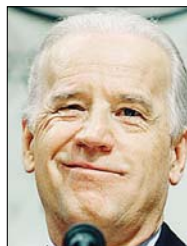
SAN FRANCISCO | Mayor Gavin Newsom apologized Thursday for having a sexual relationship with his former campaign manager's wife.

"I'm deeply sorry," Newsom said during a brief news conference at City Hall the day after the aide resigned. Newsom appeared

poised but visibly emotional. He spoke for about a minute and left without taking questions.

Alex Tourk, 39, resigned Wednesday after confronting his boss about his relationship with his wife, Ruby Rippey-Tourk, 34, who once worked as the mayor's appointment secretary. (AP)

HEARSAY | A 'FRESH' APPROACH



"The other part of this thing that got me in trouble is using the word 'clean.' I should have said 'fresh.'"

—SEN. JOE BIDEN, D-DEL.

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World



CONNECTED: Microsoft Corp. on Thursday said it was launching a project to train 30,000 teachers in computer technology within a year in war-ravaged Iraq. A company representative said the program, which began one month ago, had already trained 600 Iraqi teachers.

In Brief

LONDON

Police Question PM Blair In Cash-for-Honors Probe

Police have questioned Prime Minister Tony Blair for a second time about allegations that political honors — including seats in Britain's



Blair

House of Lords — were traded for cash, his official spokesman said Thursday. The revelation prompted opposition calls for Blair to step down sooner than planned. Blair was interviewed Jan. 26 as a witness, Blair's office said. Blair's chief fundraiser, Lord Levy, was arrested for a second time Tuesday by police investigating the claims and later released on bail. (AP)

KHARTOUM, SUDAN

AU Peacekeeper Is Killed By Gunmen in Refugee Camp

Gunmen fatally shot an African Union peacekeeper as he was driving through a Darfur refugee camp on Thursday, the peacekeeping force said in a statement. The killing highlighted the security weakness of the AU force as it happened in Kassab refugee camp in North Darfur, one of many settlements for displaced people that the peacekeepers are mandated to protect. The U.N. Security Council voted last year for the underpowered AU mission to be taken over by a bigger and stronger U.N. force, but the Sudanese government rejected this. (AP)

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Suspected Guerrillas Blast Jail Wall, Freeing 49 Inmates

Suspected Muslim guerrillas attacked an overcrowded Philippine jail by blasting a wall early Friday, allowing them to set free three suspected bombers and dozens of other inmates, officials said. At least 25 men with grenade launchers and rifles destroyed the padlocks of six cells after they barged into the North Cotabato provincial jail in southern Kidapawan city, allowing 49 inmates to escape, deputy jail warden Redentor Marasigan said. (AP)

Suicide Bombs Strike Iraqi Market

At least 45 killed, 150 wounded after bombings in Shiite city

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A pair of suicide bombers detonated explosives Thursday among shoppers in a crowded outdoor market in a Shiite city south of Baghdad, killing at least 45 people and wounding 150, police said. Bombs and a mortar attack killed at least 17 others in both Shiite and Sunni areas of Baghdad.

Overall, more than 100 people were killed or found dead across the country, reflecting the ongoing wave of sectarian and insurgency bloodletting as the U.S. military gears up for a major security operation to stem the violence.

The biggest attack took place in the center of Hillah, a city about 60 miles south of Baghdad. Police and witnesses said the two bombers strolled into the Maktabat market about 6 p.m. when the area was



JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

TOUGH SPOT: In this photo taken with night vision goggles, a U.S. Marine guards an Iraqi mother and children in Ramadi while the father is questioned early Thursday.

packed with shoppers buying food for the evening meal.

One of the bombers detonated his explosives when he was approached by police and the

other blew himself up moments later, according to police spokesman Capt. Muthanna Khaled, who gave the casualty figures.

The blasts sent bodies hurling

through the air and set fire to wooden stalls where vendors sold fruits and vegetables, witnesses said. Shoppers fled screaming in panic, while others stopped to help rescuers carry away the wounded.

Dr. Mohammed Diya of the Hillah General Hospital said some of the wounded were in critical condition, raising concern the death toll could rise.

Qassim Abed Sadah, 33, a bookseller, said the first explosion blew him out of his chair. "People were flying in the air," he said.

In Baghdad, sectarian violence flared in both Shiite and Sunni areas of the capital, where U.S. and Iraqi forces are preparing for the third major security crackdown in a year.

Police found the bullet-riddled bodies of 33 men scattered across the Iraqi capital, the Interior Ministry said. Most showed signs of torture and were believed to be the victims of Shiite and Sunni death squads. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

Iran Pledges To Push Ahead With Nuke Plans

TEHRAN, IRAN | President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Thursday launched anniversary celebrations for Iran's Islamic Revolution with a defiant promise to push ahead with the country's controversial nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad suggested that Tehran would next week announce the start of the installation of a new assembly of 3,000 centrifuges in an underground portion of its uranium enrichment facility in Natanz that the U.S. has warned could bring further sanctions against Iran.

The hard-line Iranian leader said his government is determined to continue with its nuclear program, despite the U.N. Security Council sanctions imposed in December.

Ahmadinejad said Iran will celebrate "the stabilization and the establishment of its full right" to enrich uranium next week at the central Iranian facility. (AP)

Warming Is 'Very Likely' Man-Made

Climate change report uses most forceful language ever on issue

PARIS | A long-awaited report says global warming is "very likely" man-made, the most powerful language ever used on the issue by the world's leading climate scientists, delegates who have seen the report said Thursday.

And the document, the most authoritative science on the issue, says the disturbing signs are already visible in rising seas, killer heat waves, worsening droughts and stronger hurricanes.

The report, due to be released Friday, from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — a group of hundreds of scientists and representatives of 113 governments — unanimously portrays the science of global warming as an existing and worsening threat, officials told The Associated Press.

"There's no question that the



Man-made burning of fossil fuels is among topics addressed in the climate report.

powerful language is intimately linked to the more powerful science," said one of the study's many co-authors, Andrew Weaver of the University of Victoria, who spoke by phone from Canada.

The scientists wrote the report, based on years of peer-reviewed research; government officials edited it with an eye toward the required unanimous approval by world governments.

The panel quickly agreed Thursday on two of the most contentious issues: attributing global warming to man-made burning of fossil fuels and connecting it to a recent increase in stronger hurricanes. Negotiations over a final third difficult issue — how much sea level rise is predicted by 2100 — went into the night Thursday with a deadline approaching for the report. SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)



BEBE GRANDE: He is called "Super Tonio," and at a whopping birth weight of 14.1 pounds, the "little" fellow is causing a sensation in Cancun, Mexico, with residents crowding the nursery ward to see the big baby. The heaviest baby born to a healthy mother was a 22.5-pound child born in Italy in 1955.

World

Kosovo's Status Still in the Balance

U.N. plan for future of contested province to be unveiled Friday

BELGRADE, SERBIA | Suspense gripped Serbia on Thursday, a day before the unveiling of a U.N. proposal for Kosovo's future — a historic plan that officials say will map out a road to conditional nationhood for the bitterly contested province.

Western diplomats familiar with the details of U.N. special envoy Martti Ahtisaari's plan said it will not include the "I-word" — independence. But they said the blueprint, which will still need approval from the Security Council, would lay the groundwork for eventual nationhood.

"Throughout the text, Ahtisaari has pointedly refrained from using



DIVIDING LINES: An elderly Albanian man passes graffiti reading in Albanian: "No negotiation, self-determination!" in Kosovo's capital, Pristina, on Thursday.

the 'independence' word, but the proposals in effect describe a status outcome that might be summarized as independence subject

to international supervision," one Western official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Kosovo has been a U.N. protec-

torate since 1999, when NATO airstrikes stopped Serbia's crackdown on separatist ethnic Albanian rebels. Ethnic Albanians, who account for 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million population, have rejected Serbia's offer of broad autonomy within Serbian borders and demand outright independence.

Diplomats warned that the road map — to be presented Friday to Serb leaders in Belgrade and Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leadership in Pristina — would disappoint people on both sides of the ethnic divide.

"The Serbs will have to accept the loss of Kosovo," the Western official said. And Kosovo's Albanian majority "will have to accept continued international presence, significant limitations on their sovereignty and a very generous package of rights for the Kosovo Serbs." (AP)

Fresh Gunfights In Gaza Wreck Shaky Cease-Fire

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Gunfights erupted across the Gaza Strip Thursday, killing at least six people after Hamas militants hijacked a convoy delivering supplies to the rival Fatah-allied security forces, effectively destroying a short-lived truce.

An Egyptian mediator blamed Hamas and called for calm three days after he persuaded the factions to end weeks of clashes. However, the truce did not resolve underlying disputes between Hamas, which is running the Palestinian government, and President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement.

Late Thursday, Fatah gunmen stormed a Hamas stronghold, the Islamic University in Gaza City. At least two people were injured. (AP)

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Money

Record Profits for Exxon

Oil giant reports
eye-popping earnings
of \$39.5B for last year

HOUSTON | Oil giant Exxon Mobil topped its own record for the biggest annual profit by a U.S. company last year, racking up earnings that amounted to \$4.5 million an hour for the world's largest publicly traded oil company.

It reported the record net income — \$39.5 billion — despite a 4 percent drop in earnings in the final three months of 2006, as prices for oil and natural gas fell from extraordinary levels earlier in the year.

Lower commodity prices may linger for at least the first part of 2007, even as the cost of doing business rises because of factors such as a shortage of drilling equipment and labor.

So while big players like Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp. and ConocoPhillips are expected to continue to rake in piles of cash,



CA-CHING! Exxon racked up earnings that amount to \$4.5 million an hour in 2006.

the totals aren't likely to be the eye-popping amounts of recent quarters.

"I'd say overall, if you look for earnings to decline 5 to 15 percent from the huge highs this past year, you're probably going to see most of these companies fall within that range," said John Parry, a senior analyst at energy consulting firm John S. Herold Inc.

Exxon Mobil wasn't alone among oil and gas entities posting a huge profit in 2006. On Thursday alone, three other companies — Royal Dutch Shell PLC, Marathon Oil Corp. and Valero Energy Corp. — also reported best-ever full-year profits.

The four companies combined had earnings of \$75.6 billion last year. JOHN PORRETTO (AP)

Apple, Cisco to Negotiate Over iPhone

SAN JOSE, CALIF. | Apple Inc. and Cisco Systems Inc. are apparently suspending their court battle over the iPhone name to return to the negotiations table.

Although Cisco's lawsuit against Apple remains pending, the two companies have agreed to extend the time Apple has to respond so the parties can discuss trademark

rights and interoperability, the companies said late Wednesday.

Cisco has owned the trademark on the name "iPhone" since 2000 and began shipping its own line of iPhone-branded Internet-enabled phones in the spring of 2006. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CarboCer	44.98	+8.10	+22.0
HFFn	20.80	+2.10	+11.2
ArchDan	35.47	+3.47	+10.8
GpoTMM A	3.33	+.29	+9.5
AmStand	53.25	+3.86	+7.8

Losers

WP Stew	12.36	-3.29	-21.0
SRA Intl	21.17	-4.13	-16.3
UndrArm	47.17	-3.63	-7.1
Evercore n	32.37	-1.52	-4.5
GlimchRt	27.12	-1.14	-4.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RschFrnt	8.40	+2.01	+31.5
WebEx	45.03	+7.95	+21.4
Magma	10.00	+1.50	+17.6
AmMold n	2.51	+.36	+16.7
Iomai	6.11	-.06	-1.0

Losers

AtlasSoSea	6.34	-.73	-10.3
Polydex	2.70	-.30	-10.0
QuickLog	2.78	-.31	-10.0
RedhkAle	6.12	-.63	-9.3
NeurMtrx	12.07	-1.23	-9.2

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.375	5.3125
3-month disc	4.99	5.01
2-year	4.92	4.98
10-year	4.84	4.88
30-year	4.93	4.97

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5082	.5090	.5640
Canadian Dollar	1.1786	1.1757	1.1403
European Euro	.7680	.7676	.8294
Japanese Yen	120.66	120.71	117.94
Mexican Peso	10.9697	11.0061	10.4340
Taiwanese Dollar	32.89	32.96	31.98

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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	52.87	-.13	+8.5
Allergan	117.81	+1.10	-1.6
AstraZen	57.40	+1.45	+7.2
BarrPhm	54.20	+.68	+8.1
BrMySq	28.80	+.01	+10.6
ForestLab	56.40	+.29	+11.5
Hospira	36.85	+.07	+9.7
JohnJn	67.01	+.21	+1.5
LillyEli	54.77	+.65	+5.1
Merck	45.13	+.38	+3.5
MylanLab	22.49	+.35	+12.7
Pfizer	26.62	+.38	+2.8
SchergPl	24.96	-.04	+5.6
Sepracor	54.75	-2.31	-11.1
Wyeth	50.62	+1.21	-.6

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The total, in millions of dollars, government budget surplus in Washington at the end of the fiscal year, though the school system's troubles could weaken the city's position, according to an independent audit Wednesday.

Local

High-End Hairdresser Is Sued Again

First lady's ex-barber faces 2nd accusation of sexual harassment

WASHINGTON | A hairdresser who used to cut first lady Laura Bush's locks was slapped Thursday with his second sexual harassment lawsuit in a little more than four months.

An ex-employee of Andre Chreky said Chreky demanded sexual favors, grabbed and touched her and made humiliating comments about her appearance and her husband's sexual prowess. When she rebuffed him, Chreky retaliated by taking away clients, refusing to accommodate her during her pregnancy and ultimately firing her, the plaintiff, Ronnie Barrett, said in the complaint filed in U.S. District Court.

Lawyers for Chreky and his salon denied Barrett's allegations. Chreky is fighting similar charges by another former employee, Jennifer Thong, who sued in September.



Ronnie Barrett claims in a lawsuit that her ex-employer Andre Chreky, who used to be first lady Laura Bush's hairdresser, demanded sexual favors and grabbed her.

Barrett claims Chreky told her that if she wanted to go to the White House or have contact with President Bush or his family, she would have to come to the salon early in the morning, before other employees arrived. Barrett "understood this to be a crude sexual proposition, and a

thinly veiled threat that if she wanted to advance in her career she needed to accede to his sexual demands," according to the lawsuit.

Thong, in her complaint, said Chreky promised better work in an attempt to get her to have sex with him. SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Study: Less Cost In Power Program

Researchers say effect of anti-greenhouse gas effort is lower demand

COLLEGE PARK, MD. | Joining a regional program to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases will cut, not raise, electric bills, researchers said Thursday.

Electricity bills will decrease more than \$100 million by 2010 and more than \$200 million by 2025 because of energy efficiency measures tied to the program that will lower demand, according to a new study by the University of Maryland's Center for Integrative Environmental Research.

The study is the first to look at economic and environmental effects of a state with a large coal-fired generating base joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the researchers said.

Prompted by state lawmakers, the Maryland Department of Environment commissioned the study to assess the economic and energy impact of the global warming provision of the state's 2006 Healthy Air Act, which calls for Maryland to join RGGI this year.

The initiative — the nation's first multistate program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions — requires power plants to cut carbon dioxide emissions 10 percent by 2019. (AP)

Cameras on Toll Road Operational

MCLEAN, VA. | Beware, toll scofflaws: Cameras on the Dulles Toll Road are the real deal now, catching vehicles that blow past tolls.

The cameras replace the empty husks on the toll road that looked like cameras and set off bells and whistles when tolls went unpaid but never

actually took pictures that could be used for real enforcement.

"Cameras are for real now," Joan Morris of the state Department of Transportation said.

VDOT said Thursday that functional cameras have been installed not only on the Dulles Toll Road in Northern Virginia but also on the Powhite Parkway Extension in the Richmond area and on the Coleman Bridge in Hampton Roads. (AP)

Md. Hospital Deal Struck

→ The company that runs the Prince George's County, Md., hospital system Thursday accepted more county control of its board of directors. | **Today's Post, Metro**

IN The Washington Post

Workers: Evaluate Capitol Tunnels

WASHINGTON | Falling slabs of concrete and asbestos exposure are two reasons that a federal agency should investigate the passages under the U.S. Capitol complex amid an ongoing safety dispute with the Architect of the Capitol, a group of tunnel workers said Thursday.

They said they asked the National Institute for Occupational Safe-

ty and Health for an evaluation of underground health hazards.

The 10 workers who raised this issue Thursday are responsible for maintaining the plumbing that provides steam and chilled water to Congress, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court and other federal buildings, and they work for the Architect of the Capitol. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, February 1

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-8-7
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-2-6
Mid-day DC 4	8-4-1-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	1-4-8-9
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	3-4-18-22-25
Daily 6 (Wed.)	7-8-21-28-30-37 (24)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	12-17-19-28-39 (7)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	9-4-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-2-8
Mid-day Pick 4	8-7-4-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-8-0-0

Match 5 (Wed.)	6-15-28-31-34 (11)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	5-8-9-15-16-42

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	2-2-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-3-3
Mid-day Pick 4	7-3-9-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-9-5-1
Mid-day Cash 5	2-19-22-25-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	14-21-26-27-28
Win For Life (Wed.)	7-20-23-27-37-41 (32)

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	2-15-25-42-48 (14)
Power Play	x4

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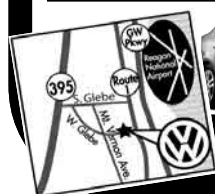


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HAPPY MEDIUM: From "Ghost Riders," above, to music acts, below, YouTube's wide array of clips has made it a huge success two years after the Web site was launched.

The Art of YouTube

As site turns 2, a critic creates some rules for auteurs to live by

YouTube turns two this month, which presents a fitting opportunity to decry it. The video-sharing Web site — whose name has come to stand for every other such site on the Web — has clearly emerged as the great new media drain-catch, an uncensored museum of everything from dumb home movies to slick commercial calling cards, a behemoth that has gone from being part of mass culture to a mass medium in itself, whose reach, ubiquity and sheer volume of uncensored content make it easily dismissible as merely the latest purveyor of trivial, banal, repetitious distractions for an eagerly narcotized booboisie.

Because just as early tsk-tskers of such derided mass products as comic books (today they're called graphic novels), radio (people will stop reading books!), dime paperbacks (people won't read the right books!) and TV (two words: Paddy Chayefsky) were proven wrong,

those who summarily relegate YouTube to the low-cultural ash an are missing not only its artistic potential, but the artistry that can already be found there.

One hundred years ago, the first moviegoers ran screaming from a French theater while watching a train pull into a station; they were transfixed by quotidian scenes of a baby eating lunch, a man being sprayed by a sprinkler and workers leaving a factory. Today we have a baby passing gas in a crib, and teenagers mixing Diet Coke and Mentos and cats, cats, cats.

Conditioned by "magic lantern" slide shows and serial comics of the 19th century, the earliest filmgoers at first didn't see film as more than just a series of still images. But then — and fairly quickly — out of the random, the daily, the incidental, a cohesive aesthetic emerged, borne of film's distinct visual grammar and narrative power.

Surely the same can be said for all technology-driven art forms (is there any other kind?). Who, using a radio to tap out Morse code in the early 20th century, could have anticipated Orson Welles and "War

Yacht Rock - episode 2



of the Worlds"? Who, when televised radio plays were broadcast in America in 1946, could have anticipated "M*A*S*H"?

YouTube reminds me of the "single slushy compost" a cranky critic in the 1950s called that era's burgeoning mass culture. But unlike him, I see sturdy — if slender — shoots

of something better in the muck. For would-be uploading auteurs, I propose some guiding principles for the new YouTube canon:

Mean it.

Whether it's vagrant moments of found slapstick or the tightly constructed narratives of the serial com-



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Local 20 Questions

Who was D.C.'s first mayor? Which comedian had "Nothing to Lose" growing up in Laurel? Find out in a quiz on famous local African-Americans ahead of Black History Month. | **Sunday Source**



edy "God, Inc." (heaven re-imagined by way of TV's "The Office"), or the plethora of clever stop-motion cartoons that are reviving that once-archaic form of animation, the best things on the Web, however short or seemingly spontaneous, are works of care and hard work.

Indulge the arcane.

I know what you're thinking: "God, Inc.," "Learn to Speak Body" and "Le Grand Content"? I love those films, too! Are we distantly related? With Web culture still free to the viewing public, it's gloriously rewarding to even the most marginal of niche audiences.

Resist facile irony.

In other words, snark is easy, satire is hard. YouTube may be the ultimate postmodern medium, and as such it falls prey to postmodernism's greatest failing: pastiche. For every attitudinal teenager proving how well he can imitate "Jackass," YouTube has also allowed — albeit in smaller numbers — gifted artists-slash-essayists' work that both exploits the medium and engages the world.

Make us laugh, make us think, make us link.

Bring the funny, provoke, give us more.

Be a star.

But not a solipsist. Or a shill.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Surfing for Gems

→ Can't find that video everyone will be talking about tomorrow? Find strategies to locating diamonds in the rough sea of YouTube.com this Sunday in The Washington Post. | **ARTS**



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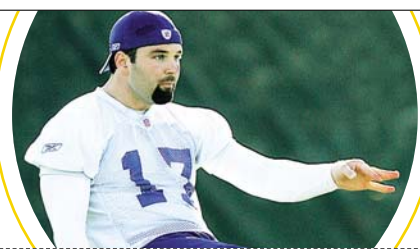
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Sports Weekend

Different Approaches

Manning, Grossman come to Super Bowl from separate paths

SUPER BOWL | One has been called Da Worst, the other is Da Man.

Rex Grossman of the Bears vs. Peyton Manning of the Colts in the biggest Super Bowl mismatch ever.

Not close to being true, of course, but it's perception that counts.

Rex Grossman can't do anything right, even in Chicago, where every mistake leads to more cries for his benching. He had a passer rating of zero in one game this season and 1.3 in another on a team that is carried by its defense.

Manning, the most talented in a family of quarterbacks, is a two-time NFL MVP who holds any number of passing records. Barring injury, he could retire as the most prolific passer in league history.

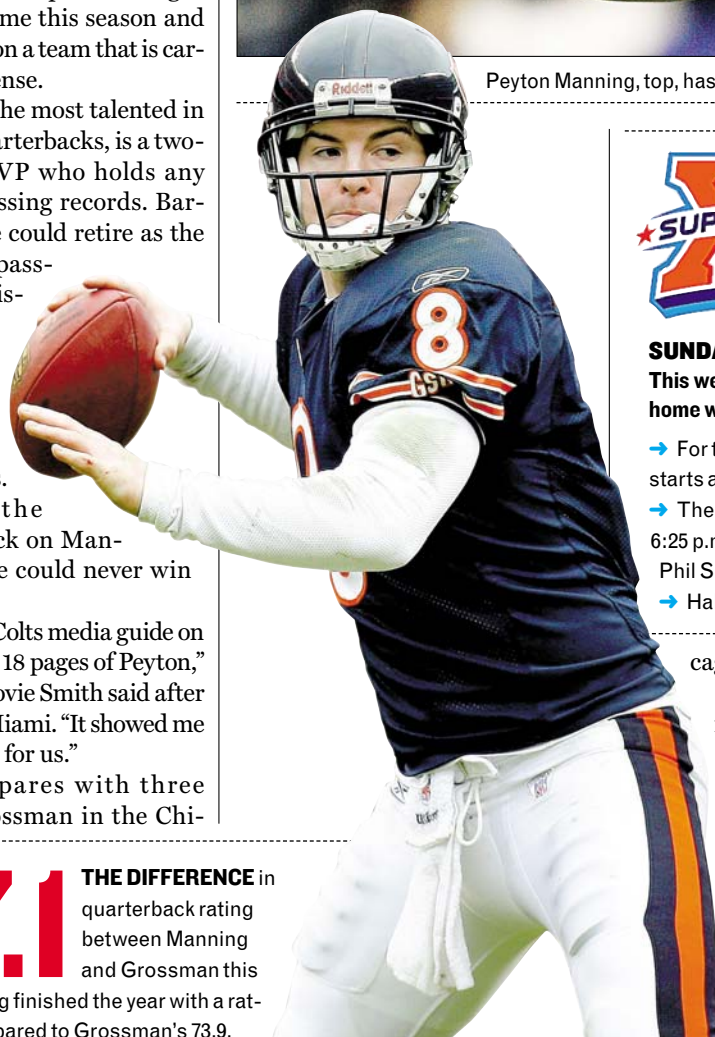
About all they have in common is zero Super Bowl victories. Until now, the only real knock on Manning is that he could never win the big one.

"I read the Colts media guide on the way down: 18 pages of Peyton," Bears coach Lovie Smith said after he arrived in Miami. "It showed me what's in store for us."

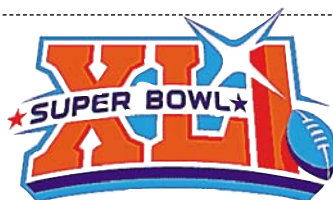
That compares with three pages for Grossman in the Chi-



Peyton Manning, top, has all the stats a QB could want — except, of course, for a Super Bowl ring.



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SUNDAY IS FOR BOWLING
This weekend, one team will go home with a long-awaited title:

- For the early risers, pregame starts at noon on CBS.
- The game gets under way at 6:25 p.m. on CBS. Jim Nantz and Phil Simms are the announcers.
- Halftime show: Prince.

cago guide.

There will be more pages next season, but they will have to list games like those against Arizona, when he threw four interceptions and lost two fumbles. Typically, the Bears won 24-23 on two fumble returns and Devin Hester's punt return, enhancing the perception that

Chicago finished 13-3 in the regular season despite its quarterback.

Grossman's take?

That he has played 12 good games this season and six bad ones, including the playoffs.

But people only remember the bad ones, including two on national television — the Arizona game and the meaningless season finale against Green Bay when he tied an NFL record with a passer rating of 0.0, throwing more interceptions (three) than completions (two).

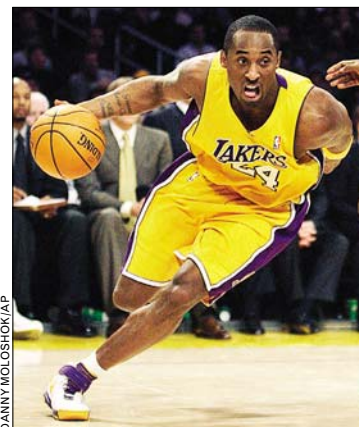
Grossman's take on Manning: His accomplishments get him a free pass when he makes mistakes.

"It's justified," he said. "Guys like Peyton, like Tom Brady, they throw a bad interception and people excuse it because of what they've done in their careers. When I do it, especially in a city like Chicago, people get all over me. I just haven't realized how exaggerated it can get."

Manning went out of his way to defend his counterpart.

"If you're a quarterback who's taken a team to a Super Bowl, you've done a good job," he said. (AP)

TV Lineup



Kobe Bryant and the Lakers come to D.C. on Saturday to play the Wizards.

→ **ROUND TWO:** The last time the Wizards played the Lakers, Gilbert Arenas went for 60 points, and Kobe Bryant ridiculed him for having no conscience. Agent Zero will have another chance to light it up on Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN) as Kobe brings the Lakers to town.

→ **BOUNCE BACK?** After tough losses, the GW Colonials and Maryland Terrapins both hope to reverse their fortunes this weekend. On Saturday (2 p.m. on MASN), the Colonials travel to Saint Louis to play the Billikens, and later in the day (8 p.m. on Ch. 20), the Terps visit Wake Forest.

→ **MIDDAY MADNESS:** The Capitals play two afternoon games this weekend. On Saturday (1 p.m. on CSN), they are in Pittsburgh playing the Penguins and Sid "The Kid" Crosby. Then on Sunday (1 p.m. on CSN), the Caps drop the puck with the New York Islanders, getting a quick game in before the Super Bowl.

→ **CONFERENCE CRAZINESS:** The results of this weekend's college basketball could bring major changes to the Top 25. On Saturday, No. 4 Ohio State visits coach Tom Izzo and Michigan State (4 p.m. on CBS). Then, No. 10 Texas A&M and No. 6 Kansas do battle (9 p.m. on ESPN).

27.1 **THE DIFFERENCE** in quarterback rating between Manning and Grossman this season. Manning finished the year with a rating of 101.0 compared to Grossman's 73.9.

CRICKET | Keep Your Seat Cricket Australia is banning fans from participating in the wave at international matches, but the organization says the ban is not aimed at stopping people from having fun at cricket matches, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reports. The league will use security

cameras to monitor the crowd and spectators who attempt to start a wave will be ejected by police and possibly fined. "There may be people that might suggest this is the fun police gone wrong stopping people from enjoying their day at the cricket," CA chief executive James Sutherland said. (EXPRESS)

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DEFENSIVE QB: The Bears' Brian Urlacher, right, stares at Tampa Bay quarterback Bruce Gradkowski. Coach Lovie Smith built his defense around his star linebacker.

Urlacher Rules Bears' Midway

Colts' Manning will be
keeping an eye on star
LB at all times Sunday

SUPER BOWL | Brian Urlacher was so at ease he slept on the flight to the Super Bowl. And when Sunday arrives, he'll make sure he tunes into his favorite morning fishing show on TV.

Just to sort of chill.

Once he hits the locker room to get ready for the biggest game of his life, Urlacher will eat a couple of cookies — preferably chocolate chip. He'll cap his pregame routine by listening to some music.

Then at game time, with millions watching, he'll step onto the finely manicured grass at Dolphin Stadium and stare across the line at one of the NFL's greatest quarterbacks, Peyton Manning.

Both will be making hand signals, pointing and instructing their teammates where to go on every play. It'll be a showdown between the two marquee players — the two central characters — of the Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears.

"Brian Urlacher is a guy I will always know where he is. You just can't help it," Manning said.

Urlacher, who was hurt in 2004 when the Colts beat the Bears 41-10 behind Manning's four

LINEBACKER LINEAGE

Urlacher is the latest in a long line of great Bears 'backers:

- **Bill George** is largely considered the first great middle linebacker and is even credited with creating the position. He played with the Bears from 1952 to 1965.
- **Dick Butkus** played eight seasons with the Bears from 1965 to 1973 and made eight Pro Bowls. His career was cut short by a knee injury, but in that short time he tallied 22 interceptions and 27 fumble recoveries.
- **Mike Singletary** was drafted by the Bears in 1981. He started in 172 games (second all-time) and finished his career with 1,488 career tackles.

touchdown passes, said the Bears will have to be ready for Manning's line of scrimmage antics and deal accordingly.

Three years ago, coach Lovie Smith set in place a system that relies on defense — and the centerpiece is Urlacher.

"He's the quarterback of our team, a kind of guy that doesn't get rattled, a fiery kind of guy," DE Adewale Ogunleye said. "We need him out there. I don't know what we'd do without him. I'm just glad he's on my side of the ball." RICK GANDY (AP)



SO, YOU'RE A COLTS FAN:

→ Every time Indy sets up a field goal, announce the updated score before the ball is kicked. Excuse yourself to the kitchen to show that you don't even need to see it to know Adam Vinatieri has made it.

→ Whenever Bears QB Rex Grossman attempts a pass, loudly announce the next down without an increase in yardage — before the ball even gets to the receiver. (Example: On 1st and 10, if Grossman throws, immediately yell, "Second and 10!")

→ The first time the Colts score, conclusively state, "Well, that's the game." Then walk out, get in your car and drive off. You can drive around the block and come back — or you can be the most smugly satisfied fan ever and go home, leaving the rest of the party stunned at your confidence. Your call.

→ Whenever the Colts complete a pass, sardonically whimper, "Oh, no! I'm so, so afraid of the big bad Brian Urlacher!" Then, tug your pants down to reveal that you are wearing an adult diaper.

Choosing Up Sides

DON'T KNOW

who you want to win on Sunday? Take our quiz and let Vonnegut and Bradbury, clouds and sunsets or the Iraq war decide for you. Then turn to our trash-talking guide for a little friendly advice.

1. When I have money, I:

SAVE IT SHOP WITH IT

If you see dropped change on the sidewalk and calculate how much interest it could earn, then you're inspired by Indianapolis' soaring Chase Tower; give yourself a 'C.' If, however, you calculate how much more you need for a new dryer, the Sears Tower in Chicago is your kind of skyscraper; give this a 'B.'

2. The best way to experience the Iraq War is to:

FIGHT IN IT WATCH IT ON TELEVISION

Want to be all you can be in an Army of one of the few and the proud? Load a 'B' for Soldier Field, where the Bears play. Or simply follow your favorite correspondent on your new high-def plasma screen and give this an 'C' for Indy's home field, the RCA Dome.

3. More captivating atmospheric phenomenon:

CLOUDS SUNSETS

There's nothing more relaxing

than lying in a field and watching the clouds drifting by. It's a lovely blue-white contrast that happens to be the Colts' colors and a 'C' vote. However, if the orange horizon of dusk streaking into the fading blue of the day is more hypnotizing, it's 'B' for the Bears colors of blue and orange.

4. Better reason to stop while traveling:

LET OTHER PEOPLE OFF CHANGE YOUR TIRES

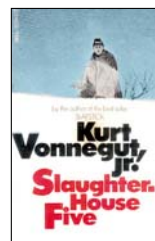
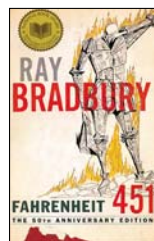
If you don't mind making frequent stops and sharing your ride, the mass-transit L system of Chicago is the way to go; 'B' for this one. But if the only justifiable reason to interrupt going nowhere fast is because the tread on your tires is wearing down, circle 'C' for the Indianapolis 500.



6 The job I would rather have is:

MY FATHER'S MY GRANDFATHER'S

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning took on the profession of his dad, ex-Saints quarterback Archie Manning, so cast an 'C' if you believe in following footsteps directly. Meanwhile, Bears QB Rex Grossman joined his grandfather — also named Rex Grossman — who was a place kicker for the Baltimore Colts; this is a 'B' if you think the family business is best when it skips a generation.



5. Better science fiction book that ends in a number:

SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE FAHRENHEIT 451

You'll circle 'C' and be hoping Peyton Manning will be able to see in four dimensions if you're a fan of Indianapolis native Vonnegut. If Bradbury is more to your liking, you'll think the Bears D will be on Manning quicker than Mechanical Hounds, and mark 'B'.

8. More pleasing nonsense word:

ALLAS ESMOND

No matter which side you root for, you'll be cheering for tight end



7 I prefer animals that:

LET ME RIDE THEM EAT ME

Strap a saddle on them Colts, and gallop your way to a 'C.' Or, scramble up a tree in futile escape from the vicious hungry Bears, and mark it 'B' as they drag you down from your perch and their powerful jaws clamp around your head.

D. Clark. But Dallas Clark of the Colts gives you a 'C,' and the Bears' Desmond Clark is a 'B.'

9. More interesting profession:

METEOROLOGIST GEOMETRICIAN

If you're interested in why it's impossible to maintain a cell phone conversation outside in The Windy City, circle 'B.' But if you still, to this day, derive enjoyment from putting plastic blocks into the appropriately shaped holes, then mark 'C' for The Circle City.

10. Who did you root for in Rocky V?

ROCKY TOMMY GUNN

In "Rocky V," Rocky trains upstart boxer Tommy Gunn to be champion. Gunn later tracks down Rocky and challenges him to a fight. In "Super Bowl XLI," Tony Dungy hires and trains upstart coach Lovie Smith to be champion. If you cheered on aging-mentor Rocky, cheer on Tony Dungy and circle 'C.' If you rooted for new blood, it's a 'B' for Lovie Smith.

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

NOW, ADD UP

your B's and C's. Which team has more? Bingo: That's the team you're die-hard rooting for now. Check out our insult suggestions to get working on your smack talk.



SO, YOU'RE A BEARS FAN:

→ Any time a Colts fan complains about an uncalled penalty against the Bears, look earnestly at them and plead, "We're not here to start no trouble, we're just here to do the Super Bowl Shuffle." Then stand up and do a lame, out-of-sync back-and-forth step dance while clapping your hands.

→ Any time Peyton Manning makes a mistake, calmly recite in Peyton's trademark southern drawl a pre-prepared marketing pitch for an appropriate product. Examples — interception, an ad for contact lenses; fumble, an ad for Super Glue; losing the game, an ad for anti-depressants. And so on.

→ Throughout the entire game, refer to the Colts as "Baltimore."

→ Whenever a Bears defender runs down a Colts player with the ball, sarcastically exclaim with exasperation, "Damn! Playing on real grass just isn't fair!"

→ When the Colts run the ball, screechingly lament, "Noooooo! Not Dominic Rhodes! Anyone but him! We're doomed! All is lost!"

Just Happy to Be Playing

Colts' Clark thought his season was over when he felt his knee give out

SUPER BOWL | When it happened, Dallas Clark thought he was done.

The Indianapolis Colts' tight end was tackled in a Nov. 26 win against the Philadelphia Eagles, and he felt

his right knee go. He was sure his season was over.

The MRI the next day confirmed his worst fears — torn anterior cruciate ligament, out for the year.

But then some weird stuff began happening. Over the next day or two, he felt progressively better, and his range of motion was improving. He kept thinking back to the MRI, figuring it was all part of the process. But

he wound up getting another exam that revealed the startling news: He had not torn his ligament, but had in fact suffered a knee strain and a bad bruise.

Within a month, he was back in the lineup.

He has made the most of that second chance, and has been a major factor in the Colts' Super Bowl run. Clark had a team-leading six catches



Dallas Clark led the Colts with six catches for 137 yards in the AFC title game.

for 137 yards in the Colts' 38-34 win over the New England Patriots in the AFC championship game. And don't forget that huge third-down catch against the Ravens in the divisional round, when he made a diving catch to keep a late fourth-quarter drive alive and seal a 15-6 win.

Even though the Colts boast future Hall of Fame receiver Marvin Harrison and a standout No. 2 receiver, Reggie Wayne, it could be Clark who figures as the team's main weapon in Super Bowl XLI against the Bears.

But win or lose, Dallas Clark is just happy to be playing in the Super Bowl, given his once gloomy injury prognosis.

"I am enjoying it a little more," because I realized how quickly it can be taken away from you."

BOB GLAUBER (NEWSDAY)

Losing Battles | A Look at the Colts' playoff losses the last four years

2003 In Tony Dungy's first playoff appearance with the Colts, they are dominated 41-0 by the Jets.

2004 Peyton Manning's four interceptions lead to a 24-14 loss to the New England Patriots.

2005 The Patriots control the time of possession (37:43) and the game, beating Indy 20-3.

2006 After a 14-2 regular season, Mike Vanderjagt's missed FG vs. the Steelers ends the Colts' year, 21-18.



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Chicago Rallies Around 'Da Bears'

'SNL' skit has become synonymous with a certain Midwest town

SUPER BOWL | Sunday's Super Bowl has triggered questions that haven't been asked here in years. Like, if the Chicago Bears were 14 inches tall would they still win? And would a big bus loaded with Bears cross the finish line first in the Indianapolis 500?

If you know the answers — yes and yes — you probably remember Bill Swerski's Super Fans on "Saturday Night Live" in the early 1990s. Knocking back beers, they took turns extolling the virtues of "a certain team from a certain Midwestern town that starts with a C, ends with an O and in the middle is HICAG."

But even those who don't recall the beefy guys can't escape their rallying cry of "Da Bears."

In Chicago and around the country, "Da Bears" are everywhere. Radio hosts can't stop talking about "Da Bears." The words "Da Bears" are irresistible to newspaper and Web site headline writers from all over the United States.

And on YouTube, one of the sketches has been watched more



Actor Joe Mantegna holds a photo of a Super Fans skit in "Saturday Night Live."

than 53,000 times in the last three months.

The phrase, repeated in the sketch by the men as they hoisted a beer to their favorite team, has become synonymous with the city, shorthand for its love affair with its favorite sports team.

Actor Joe Mantegna, a Chicago native, has been hearing calls of "Da Bears" ever since he appeared in the first Super Fans sketch on "Saturday Night Live" in 1991.

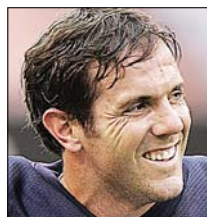
"It's not Hollywood, it's not New York, it's Da Bears," said Mantegna, trying to explain the appeal of "Da Bears" both in and outside the city. "It's fans, it's sports fans."

DON BABWIN (AP)

The Duels

A look at Super Bowl XLI's odd matchups

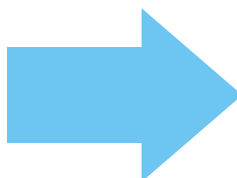
By now, we know about the imminent battle between Peyton Manning and Brian Urlacher — the Colts' cerebral quarterback vs. Chicago's freakish linebacker. The winner of that matchup will go a long way toward helping his team win a Super Bowl. But what about some of the other showdowns? Manning vs. Urlacher and Tank Johnson vs. the Miami-Dade Police aren't the only important showdowns, right? Here's a look at some other Super story lines:



Griese

Bears backup QB Brian Griese vs. Colts backup QB Jim Sorgi

Sorgi is known for being one of the best backups in the league — though he rarely gets to show his talents behind iron man Peyton Manning. Griese is widely known for being lousy — though everyone wants him to get a chance to replace Rex Grossman and show off his mediocrity. One of these guys will take home a ring.



Swengali

SUPER BOWL | BY MATT SWENSON

Da Bears Look Like Winners

BEARS FANS OUGHT to run away, hide and not read this column.

From the moment we knew who would be playing in the Super Bowl, my instinct has been to say Chicago will handily beat Indianapolis.

Based on my recent track record, though, a George Costanza do-the-opposite approach seems prudent.

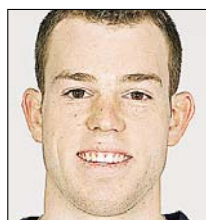
Before the season, the Redskins and Bengals were my picks to play for the title (at least Cincinnati led the league in arrests).

Playoff time led to revised predictions of the Eagles and Ravens, who were both eliminated on the same day before reaching their respective conference title games.

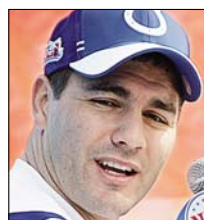
Great defenses typically rise to the occasion in the Super Bowl.

Bears K Robbie Gould vs. Colts K Adam Vinatieri

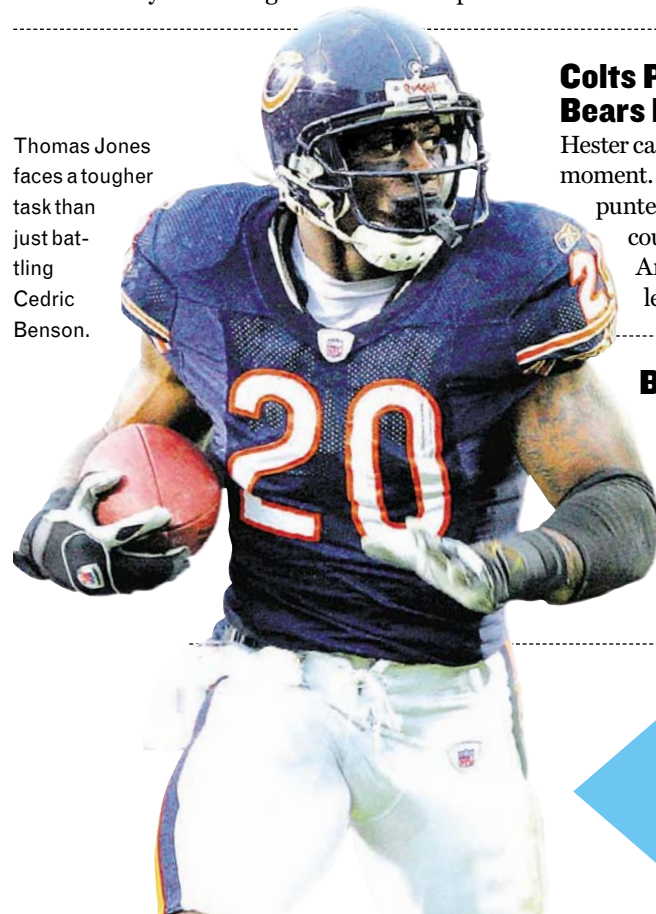
Neither kicker has missed yet this postseason — although Vinatieri has attempted nearly twice as many field goals as Gould. Nothing stopped him the first three times, but trying to size his pinky for a fourth Super Bowl ring might prove too distracting for the greatest clutch kicker of all time. The younger Gould already has one a game-winner this postseason.



Gould



Vinatieri



Thomas Jones faces a tougher task than just battling Cedric Benson.

Colts P Hunter Smith vs. Bears KR Devin Hester

Hester can change the momentum of a game at any moment. Smith can't do that — because he's just a punter. But keeping the ball away from Hester could make him a game-saver for the Colts. And if Smith does his job, how about finally letting a punter go to Disney World?



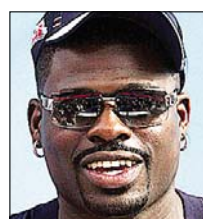
Smith



Hester

Bears DE Alex Brown vs. Colts OT Tarik Glenn

Brown, who finished the year with a career-high seven sacks and two interceptions, can disrupt the game of just about any passer. But Tarik Glenn is a three-time Pro Bowl tackle who has at least 70 pounds on Brown.



Brown



Glenn

Colts DT Anthony McFarland vs. Bears RB Thomas Jones

McFarland didn't make a lot of tackles during the regular season, but he has 10 already this postseason and clogs up the middle. If Booger could help shut down Larry Johnson, you have to think he could do the same against Jones, the one in the Bears' 1-2 punch. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)



McFarland

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Austin Kearns joined the Nationals in a midseason trade with Cincinnati last year.

Nats, Kearns Agree to 3-Year, \$17M Contract

NATIONALS | It all was a tad overwhelming for Austin Kearns when he was dealt to the Washington Nationals by the Cincinnati Reds last season.

He'd never been traded. He went from a team near his Kentucky hometown to one on the East Coast. He went from a club contending for a playoff berth to one heading for a third consecutive last-place finish.

Now he's ready to make his home in the nation's capital. Kearns agreed

Thursday to a three-year contract that guarantees the outfielder \$17.5 million and adds a long-term piece to Washington's rebuilding effort.

Kearns will get \$3.5 million this year, \$5 million in 2008, and \$8 million in 2009, and the Nationals hold a \$10 million club option for 2010, with a \$1 million buyout. The contract does not include bonus clauses, but he will receive a one-time payment of \$100,000 if traded.

HOWARD FEINDRICH (AP)

Jamison Out 3-6 Weeks

MRI reveals forward sprained left knee in Wizards' win Tuesday

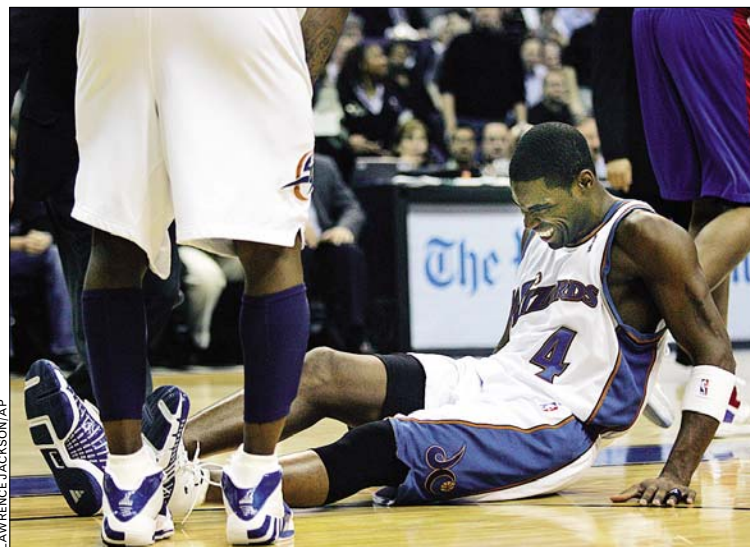
WIZARDS | Antawn Jamison's sprained left knee will keep him out of the Washington Wizards' lineup for three to six weeks.

Jamison banged knees with teammate DeShawn Stevenson in the first quarter of Tuesday's win over Detroit. Jamison, who underwent an MRI on Thursday, will not require surgery and will begin rehabilitation immediately.

Jamison is averaging 19.3 points and 7.9 rebounds, but his two best games of the season have come within the last week: 35 points against Detroit last Friday and 34 against Boston on Sunday.

Jamison hyperextended the knee in the first quarter against Boston on Jan. 20. He returned to that game, but the knee remained sore and he was forced to miss several practices.

The Wizards lost 119-109 without Jamison on Wednesday night at Toronto. It was the first missed



Wizards forward Antawn Jamison winces in pain on the floor after banging knees with teammate DeShawn Stevenson in Tuesday's win against the Detroit Pistons.

game this season for any of the Big Three of Jamison, Gilbert Arenas and Caron Butler, the trio that has averaged about 70 points per game and has led Washington to first place in the Eastern Conference.

Washington went 0-5 the last time one of the Big Three was sidelined — when Butler was out with a thumb injury near the end of last

season.

"We certainly feel for Antawn, coach," Eddie Jordan said. "He has played a big part in our team's success, but we have confidence in our players and we'll look for others to step up when given the opportunity in Antawn's absence."

Jamison had surgery on his right knee two years ago. (AP)

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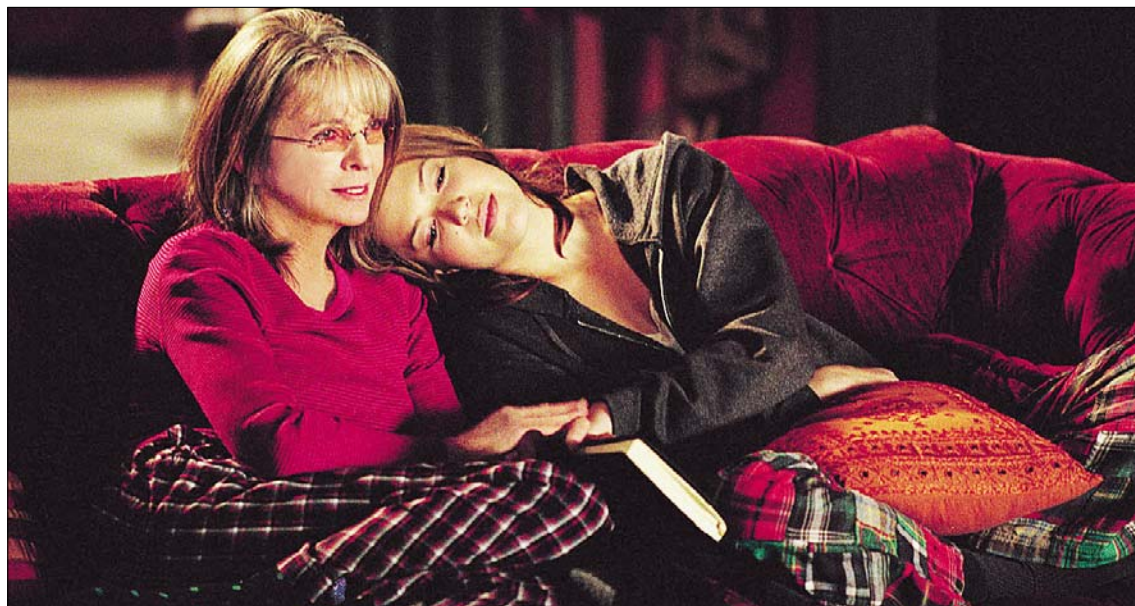
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Entertainment Weekend



A SNORE: Mandy Moore gets sleepy on the shoulder of Diane Keaton. Those who go see "Because I Said So" will doze, too.

Girls Gone Mild

'Because I Said So' dredges up every chick-flick cliché

FILM | Everything about "Because I Said So" screams out generic chick flick — and we do mean scream, literally — from the forgettable title to the excruciatingly corny ending.

In between, director Michael

Lehmann runs through a veritable checklist of clichés. (Is it possible this is the same man who made the deliciously vicious "Heathers" nearly 20 years ago?)

There are the unbelievable characters who say and do contrived, sitcommy things. The montages of shopping and furniture rearranging. The caffeinated score to punctuate all those wacky moments (Diane

Keaton discovering online porn). The women discussing their sexual hijinks with "Sex and the City"-style bluntness. And of course, the repeated cutaways to a cute dog reacting to all this shrill nonsense.

Keaton stars as Daphne Wilder. She's a meddlesome, highly emotional mother of three grown daughters who worries that her youngest, Milly (Mandy Moore), will stay

single the rest of her life. Daphne's other two daughters (Lauren Graham and Piper Perabo) are married off at the film's start, with Milly functioning as the perpetual bridesmaid — a role she doesn't seem to mind, but one that sends her mother into hysterics. So Daphne does what any mother would do: She crafts an Internet ad for Milly and secretly arranges the girl's dates. (This leads to another staple of the genre, the bad-first-date montage.)

Of all the men Milly meets in a chic hotel lobby bar, two would-be suitors emerge who are so vastly opposite, it's obvious whom we're meant to root for from the start.

Jason (Tom Everett Scott) is a workaholic architect who likes red wine, dresses beautifully, drives a flashy car and speaks Italian. Johnny (Gabriel Macht), meanwhile, is a musician who happens to be playing in the bar during one of the date-oramas and becomes intrigued with Milly. Say no more!

Milly ends up meeting and dating them both — though she remains clueless that her mother knows both of these people, because Daphne is lying to her under the guise of love. The other sisters get involved, offering unsolicited advice, until ultimately all these women are screaming at each other or crying, or both. And sometimes they break into song at parties, which can be even more painful to watch.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

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I'm in NoVa and I need a dive bar, or someplace at least low-key. Where can I go in Arlington or Alexandria for good happy hour specials or cheap drinks in general?

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Jay's Saloon & Grille is a great place to grab a happy hour brew in Arlington.

We want to have a going away party for a friend of ours at a fun, but nice restaurant in the District. Our major requirement is a big round table big enough to seat 10 to 12.

How about heading downtown to Jaleo or Zaytinya or succumbing to a rectangle upstairs at Al Crostino? I've also had positive group experiences at Grill From Ipanema.

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The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | WASHINGTONPOST.COM/liveonline

Family Flick With Adult Sense

Deft 'Opal Dream' is an Aussie outback drama with heart

FILM | Directed with sensitivity by "The Full Monty's" Peter Cattaneo, "Opal Dream" is the antithesis of the standard synthetic Hollywood family movie, which is all too often weighed down by ludicrously exaggerated special effects and stunts and glazed over by gross humor. Adapted by Cattaneo and others from Ben Rice's novel "Pobby and Dingan," "Opal Dream" is notable

for deftly balancing life's harsher moments with its possibilities for hope.

Pobby and Dingan, a boy and a girl, are the imaginary friends of fragile-looking 9-year-old Kellyanne (Sapphire Boyce), who lives with her parents, Rex (Vince Colosimo) and Annie (Jacqueline McKenzie) and brother, Ash (Christian Byers), in an opal mining community in the Australian outback. They are an attractive and loving family, eager for Kellyanne to outgrow her imaginary pals. The day does come when Pobby and Dingan do disap-



OUTBACK, NO STEAKHOUSE: Aussies Annie & Ash rough it with their 'rents.

pear from Kellyanne's imagination, but the impact upon her is not of liberation. To humor his distraught daughter, Rex goes searching for the two and inadvertently wanders onto another man's claim, causing him to be accused of trespassing and prospecting. The family is then shunned by the community.

"Opal Dream" acquires dimension with the realization that there's a parallel with Rex's hopes for striking it rich and his daughter conjuring up a pair of friends. KEVIN THOMAS (SPECIAL TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

It's always a good feeling for DJs when someone comes up and asks, "Hey, what was that last song you played?" Most of the time that means two things: The person enjoyed the song enough to ask a stranger about it and the DJ succeeded in finding a song that at least somebody hadn't heard before. This has surely been a common occurrence the first Friday of every month for the past three years at Marx Cafe. That's when **WE FOUGHT THE BIG ONE** takes over the Mount Pleasant bar to play some of the best obscure post-punk, synth-rock, shoegaze songs you've never heard. Tonight marks the night's third anniversary, and the WFTBO anniversary bashes are especially worth checking out. That's when DJs Brandon Grover and Rick Taylor cook up a special compilation of some of their favorite tracks. Past volumes have included almost-classics from the likes of the Mo-dettes, Josef K, House of Love and Kitchens of Distinction — all of your favorites, right? There's no cover, but the free comps will be in limited supply, so you may want to get there close to the 10 p.m. starting time.

Back when DFA Records artists the Rapture and LCD Soundsystem were ruling dance floors from coast to coast, the man known as **THE JUAN MACLEAN** was cranking out electro-funk hits like "Give Me Every Little Thing" that melded house and techno with a disco beat, and the stunning "You Can't Have it Both Ways," which veered toward krautrock while keeping the groove locked. The Juan MacLean is one of the more creative artists on DFA, and the album of "Give Me Every Little Thing" remixes last year was filler, so let's hope there's some new material on the way. In the meantime, according to the Juan MacLean's Web site, he's been spinning Nitzer Ebb, ESG and the Soulwax remix of the Gossip's "Standing in the Way of Control," so we're in for a good night at the Black Cat. Host Will Eastman is also DJing, and there's a live performance by indie-electro pro-



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vocateur and performance artist Edie Sedgwick.

SATURDAY

Man, all we can think about this weekend is hittin' the beach, havin' a few beers and hittin' the taco toss at Ruddertowne, then headin' over to the Bottle and Cork, havin' a few more beers and catchin' a band playing '80s covers. Sound good, bro? Oh, wait. It's January, it's about to snow — and we're not in Dewey. We can pretend, though, right? Right? Tonight at the Clarendon Ballroom, promoters have assembled a Rusty Rudder-worthy lineup of favorites — Mr. Greenegenes, Kristen and the Noise, DJ Pat Premier — for a seven-hour-plus **DEWEY BAND BLOWOUT**. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Kristen and the Noise start 30 minutes later, and everyone takes turns hitting the

stage until 1:30 a.m. There's no cover before 8 p.m. and it's \$10 after, so get there early — it's like drinking free beer, dude.

It's been 48 years since 22-year-old Buddy Holly was killed in a plane crash in an Iowa cornfield. It's staggering to think that, at that point, he'd written just 40 songs, including "Peggy Sue," "That'll Be the Day" and "It's So Easy." Who knows how many more chart-toppers would have come out of his guitar? Local honky-tonk hero **J.P. McDERMOTT** is a big Buddy Holly fan, and every February, he hosts a tribute to the Texas rocker. Tonight at Chick Hall's Surf Club, McDermott's group **WESTERN BOP** acts as the house band while top Washington-area singers take the stage. Look for Billy Coulter, Mary Battiata of Little Pink, Eddie Day of the Rockin' Bones, Dagmar of the Seductones and guitarist Andy Rutherford of the Thrillbillies. Tickets are \$15.

With co-signers as diverse as Gwen Stefani, Eighteenth Street Lounge labelmates Thievery Corporation and the father of hip-hop Afrika Bambaataa, **THE FORT KNOX FIVE**'s reference list is as wide-ranging as their DJing and production work, which puts a funky, soulful spin on jet-setting dance music. FK5 member Jon Horvath is celebrating a birthday tonight at Five, so the crew is bringing along a few friends, including Buzzlife icon Scott Henry and California breakbeat master Simply Jeff. DJ Hut's Stylus Chris holds down the rooftop deck.



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The Juan MacLean is the definite article.

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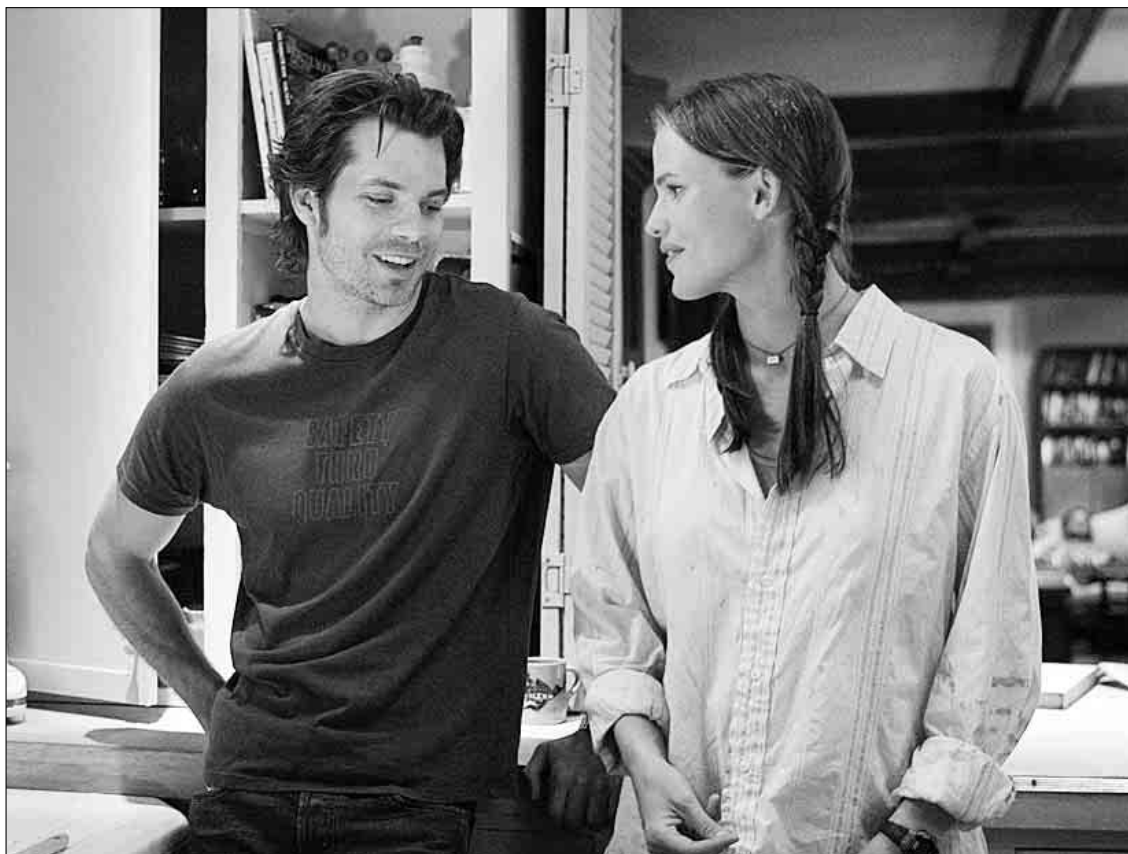
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ALPHA DOG (R, 117 minutes) This movie tells the story of Jesse James Hollywood, here fictionalized as Johnny Truelove, who at 20 was one of the youngest men in history on the FBI's most wanted list. The movie suffers from an uncertain structure, but it boasts an extraordinary naturalism, not particularly flattering. The movie belongs to its youngsters, and it's a real eye-opener. (SH)

ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG, 94 minutes) This CGI movie is based on the children's book "Arthur and the Minimoys." The precocious and imaginative Arthur minimizes himself to join the world of the almost microscopic Minimoys. The movie is easy to lightly enjoy, but it isn't quite so easy to love because French director Luc Besson has devoted more attention to technology and his visual schemes than to making a propulsive story. (DT)

BABEL (R, 142 minutes) Director Alejandro González Iñárritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga tell multiple stories in multiple locations around the globe. Each tale is completely compelling on its own, and Iñárritu also proves superb at working with amateur actors. Yet as sophisticated a piece of filmmaking as it is, it seems hamstrung by the banality at its center and it never assembles into a satisfying whole. (SH)

BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG-13, 98 minutes) This is basically a wan, morose teen clique movie thinly disguised (and dishonestly marketed) as a werewolf film. Fans of the were genre will be gravely disappointed by the special effects, because there aren't any: It's all done with photography as teenage boys turn into actual wolves (not werewolves) between cuts. They could have made it in 1932! The idea is that a member of the cool set — Vivian (Agnes Bruckner), a "24" vet and once quite good in an indie called "Blue Car" — falls for an outsider (Hugh Dancy, playing a scrawny rock-star wannabe), and all the cool kids try to break her of this apostasy. However, the cool set in this movie happen to be wolves. The setting is Bucharest, Romania, (though Bruckner is a full-faced California-style American gal), and director Katja von Garnier seems to think the city is romantic — it just looks like a junky Eastern European burg to me. The movie's central question: Should Vivian go with her heart or her canines? A second ques-



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FISHING FOR A COMPLIMENT: Even the lovely and talented Jennifer Garner can't save the floundering "Catch and Release."

tion: What's the point of making a horror movie with a PG-13 rating? Why, it's like they don't really want to make a horror movie. (SH)

BLOOD DIAMOND (R, 125 minutes) Pounding action, pulse-quickening adventure and of-the-moment politics animate this mostly great thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio. He plays a smuggler named who finds himself a mercenary middleman between rebels in Sierra Leone and European diamond merchants. Things get out of hand during the last half-hour, but the movie is a gem. (AH)

BORAT (R, 89 minutes) Borat, played with seamless disingenuousness by Sacha Baron Cohen, has come to America to make a feature-length documentary for the people of his home country. As Borat cuts his wide and occasionally vicious swath, no petard goes unhoisted. It's a spectacle that delivers squeals, howls or at least low-level chuckles. The movie is a perfect combination of slapstick and satire. (AH)

CASINO ROYALE (PG-13, 140 minutes) Reinventing James Bond as a kind of Navy SEAL with an attitude problem, this movie turns out to be cracking good entertainment. Daniel Craig kicks major maximus as a Bond who'd never use a computer where a punch will do. And he is seemingly the first Bond to actually bleed. Half an hour too long and with too many villains, the movie nevertheless proves you seldom go wrong if you make a movie that leaves you stirred, not shaken. (SH)

CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13, 113 minutes) Caught dead-center in this confused effort is Jennifer Garner, playing

a young woman mourning the death of her fiancé. Throughout, she retains a permanent grimace, as if persuasive acting



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LESSON TO LEARN: DON'T MOVE TO NORTH DAKOTA

I'm Not Hearing You

IN "THE MESSENGERS," a big-city family moves to an isolated North Dakota sunflower farm. But soon the kids start seeing spooky things and try to warn their clueless parents, who just want some peace and quiet. "Shut up, you juvenile delinquents. Let Momma finish her vodka tonic in peace. And Daddy's in no mood for shenanigans, either!" Even though this flick stars name actors Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller and John Corbett, it wasn't screened for critics — and that's a message about quality, heard loud and clear. (EXPRESS)

can be achieved by contorting cheek muscles and pouting lips. As Garner's character learns shady things about her dead ex's romantic past, she seems headed for a restorative romance with one of his friends. No sooner have we settled in for this development than another seemingly more appropriate suitor rears his head. Despite the film's attempts to imbue Garner with spark, she simply disappears into the supporting pack in a film that doesn't know if it's coming or going. By the time she lightens up, the credits aren't too far away. (DT)

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G, 98 minutes) E.B. White's children's book starring Wilbur the curly-tailed runt, his human friend, Fern and spider Charlotte has been charming kids into bed forever. Those kids and their children can rest assured that the movie shares their reverence. The performers, at times, sound as if they're doing a casual read-through before the actual show — but their relaxed spirit is subtly satisfying. (DT)

CHILDREN OF MEN (R, 106 minutes) This audacious, sweeping, sobering and exhilarating film stars Clive Owen as a bureaucrat in 2027 London, the last outpost of the closest thing to civilization in a world gripped by pandemic infertility and a worldwide immigration crisis. When Owen's character, Theo, is pulled back into his activist past by his former lover, he embarks on an epic chase adventure in which the motivation is nothing less than the survival of the human race. (AH)

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13, 84 minutes) In this by-the-numbers action comedy, stand-up comedian Cedric the Entertainer plays a humble janitor who awakes one day in a strange hotel room with a dead guy at his side; he's lost his memory and spends the rest of the movie trying to figure out why he's having flashbacks of being an elite spy and why the FBI is after him. There's absolutely nothing to recommend this movie. (AH)

THE DEPARTED (R, 149 minutes) A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese up to his same old tricks of exploring an American ethnic subculture with frequent detours into carnage and mayhem. Scorsese plumbs the colorful depths of the Irish mob in Boston. The movie crackles right along, stopping only for Scorsese's signature bursts of explosive violence. (AH)

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13, 131 minutes) "Dreamgirls" arrives with more than its share of baggage; the hit Broadway musical, which opened in 1981, is such a cherished icon that it's taken 25 years for it to be made into a movie. But even with Jennifer Hudson's triumphant arrival and an overall fizzy mood of singing, dancing,

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pop nostalgia and camp, "Dreamgirls" is an uneven crowd pleaser. (AH)

EPIC MOVIE (PG-13, 86 minutes) This uncomedy — apparently intended for viewers with the attention span and sophistication of teenage fleas on crack — purports to satirize the likes of "The Chronicles of Narnia," "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest," "The Da Vinci Code," "Snakes on a Plane" and other questionable hits. But this movie simply references those films — with a smutty sense of humor that deserves an R rating. This isn't satire but flat-ire, and it rewards the audience for having just enough brain cells to recognize the movies and the performers who have seen fit to participate, including Kal Penn, Jayma Mays, Darrell Hammond and Jennifer Coolidge. How do the filmmakers deal with "Borat," which is already subversively funny? Scriptwriters-directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer, who have written all five "Scary Movies" (a fifth is on the way), present us with a mustachioed guy in underwear and with a hairy chest who, right at the end of the movie, says, "Niiiiice." You have to ask: Where does this imaginative brilliance come from? (DT)

FLUSHED AWAY (PG, 87 minutes) This first computer-generated cartoon by

Aardman Animations — best known for Nick Park's brilliant "Wallace & Gromit" franchise — does away with the clay but leaves the craft and emotion intact. When circumstances conspire to send Roddy, a pet mouse (Hugh Jackman), down the loo and into a sewer-level London populated by rats, toads, the odd frog and a charming Greek chorus of slugs, he discovers what's really important in life. Shot through with cheeky wit and hilarious musical numbers by slugs. (AH)

FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13, 123 minutes) When will the students ditch their attitude and love the teacher — the one trying so hard to reach them? And why do we keep falling for movies as cut and dried as these? Perhaps because these films reinforce our need to see teachers as sensitive heroes. By the simple force of her acting, Hilary Swank (as real-life English teacher Erin Gruwell) is compelling as she faces the hostility of her students. (DT)

GOD GREW TIRED OF US (PG, 89 minutes) The title of this documentary is taken from an interview with the film's most engaging subject, a charismatic and indomitable Sudanese refugee named John Bul Dau. He's trying to explain the atrocities he suffered and witnessed as one of 27,000 "Lost Boys" who trekked from southern Sudan to Ethiopia and finally to Kenya to avoid slaughter during the 20-year civil war. Dau is one of three Lost Boys whose resettlement in the United States is chronicled in this affecting and engaging film. Director

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Christopher Quinn gracefully portrays the cultural clashes but never overplays the naifs-come-to-the-big-city motif. Instead, he limns with economy and subtlety the epic struggles of three young men building new lives while trying not to forget the devastation they left behind. The film's arresting visual images are provided just enough context from Nicole Kidman's moving narration. (AH)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R, 157 minutes) Edward Wilson (Matt Damon) is from one of those old families—the ones that knew everybody, got the best jobs and knew which wine went with which course. The thrust of the film is his journey to becoming a Central Intelligence Agency player of the '60s, but his investigation stops to wander through history, tracking what may be Edward's growth or his damnation. The movie is serious adult movie-making from director Robert De Niro, a man deeply interested in the art, craft and psychology of espionage. (SH)

HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG, 87 minutes) From the number of walkouts at a recent screening, this slick piece of computer animation that can be described as a family film only in the sense that it's a film the whole family will want to avoid, will open quietly, do no business and be quickly forgotten. This movie winds up answering the question of what "Shrek" hath wrought, and between its plastic-looking visuals and cynical attitude, the news isn't good. (AH)

HAPPY FEET (PG, 98 minutes) Anyone watching this computer-animated flick about an adorable tap-dancing penguin named Mumble is going to, well, flip. Mumble (Elijah Wood) realizes he can't sing, let alone come up with the special "heart song" every able-bodied penguin needs to attract a mate. But the croaky fuzz ball sure can hoof. The movie's terrific songs are a warm cushion of welcome. (DT)

THE HISTORY BOYS (R, 104 minutes) The sentimental subject of this movie is a group of eight boys at a secondary school in England who have done so well on their exams that all have qualified as finalists for Oxford or Cambridge. The actors in all the major roles are hold-overs from the stage version, which playwright Alan Bennett adapted for the screen. They modulate their performance admirably, even if the film is not quite as engaging as the play. (PETER MARKS)

THE HITCHER (R, 83 minutes) If you're driving by a theater that's showing this movie, remember what your mother said



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Jungle Jim Jones, Diplomat of Death

WHEN STANLEY NELSON set out to make "Jonestown," a documentary about cult leader Jim Jones and the mass murder-suicide of his followers, his biggest challenge was unearthing enough new footage to make the story about the deaths of more than 900 people in the jungle of Guyana in 1978 seem fresh. He found it, and in more than 30 interviews with survivors and family members, Nelson was entrusted with prized recordings that helped piece together the Peoples Temple. Among the rare footage are home videos showing the construction of the Jonestown compound and the video diaries of cult members. Nelson's documentary follows Jones from a disturbed childhood to his deadly downfall in the jungle. Jones ordered more than 900 of his followers to drink poisoned punch after a California congressman and members of a delegation investigating whether followers were being held against their will were gunned down while trying to leave the compound. JORDAN ROBERTSON (AP)

about picking up hitchhikers: Don't even think of stopping. We offer that advice after we stopped to watch this remake of the 1986 action-horror flick. You'd be better off renting the first film; the latest version is a dismal, bloody effort that can't even honor the clichés of horror-flickdom. Aficionados know that a scare flick gives audiences an early taste of the grisly stuff to come. But this movie flubs right at the starting gate, when a jack rabbit—clearly computer-generated—hops in front of a speeding truck. From this point, the movie sticks resolutely to the task of failing the tropes of the genre. (DT)

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his witness, a young Scottish doctor. (SH)

LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R, 140 minutes) Clint Eastwood's film starts and stops on "Sulphur Island," where on Feb. 19, 1945, two divisions of Marines came ashore in what would be one of the blood-

iest battles of the war. Like his "Flags of Our Fathers," it isn't really a history of a battle. In the last half-hour, the story, loses its way; lacking any clear-cut goals except survival, the film becomes repetitive. It's a necessary movie; too bad it's not a great movie. (SH)

LITTLE CHILDREN (R, 130 minutes) In this movie, the arrival of a convicted child molester in East Wyndam, Mass., triggers outrage throughout the community. But Ronnie the pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley) is practically one of the good guys. The film is a hugely absorbing social drama that is, by turns, excruciating, sad and sardonic. (DT)

LIVE AND BECOME (Unrated, 140 minutes) Ethiopian Jews and their repatriation to the Holy Land is the political context for Radu Mihaileanu's mostly affecting story of an Ethiopian boy who becomes an accidental part of that communal history. (DT)

MISS POTTER (PG, 92 minutes) In this film about children's author Beatrix Potter (Renee Zellweger), we learn about the restrictive household in which she lived and how she takes comfort in the animals she befriends, adopts and anthropomorphizes in her stories. When Beatrix falls in love with Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor), her publisher and her parents object to the union because Norman works for a living. If the movie is respectful and factually informative, it's also tightly corseted. (DT)

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG, 108 minutes) Ben Stiller plays Larry Daley, a divorced dad who finds work at New York's Museum of Natural History. At night, all the stuffed animals, dioramas and mannequins come to life and run



JAMIE TRUEBLOOD/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

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amok. The plot thickens, but the movie is mostly all about those eye-popping scenes of lions, zebras, Civil War soldiers and Sacagawea committing sundry acts of mayhem and mischief. (AH)

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NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R, 98 minutes)
Judi Dench plays Ms. Covett, a salty old pro teaching at an English middle school, and she noted poor Sheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), the new art teacher, back when she came to the young teacher's rescue as misbehavior threatened to turn her class into anarchy. We watch what we think will unspool as a touching story of human weakness as told from a sympathetic viewpoint, but we soon realize that cheesy uplift is not on the menu. (SH)



THIS FLICK'S MADE OF KRYPTONITE: "Epic Movie" is a heroically silly spoof.

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THE PAINTED VEIL (PG-13, 125 minutes) This high-minded adaptation of an ancient novel by W. Somerset Maugham stars Edward Norton as a stiff research physician who marries a flighty woman played by Naomi Watts. Even though the movie was handsomely shot in the Guangxi province of China, there's almost no engagement with the people, culture or realities of the country in the '20s. (SH)

PAN'S LABYRINTH (R, 112 minutes) It's 1944, the fascists have just won Spain's civil war and a girl named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) is traveling with her mother, Carmen (Ariadna Gil), to live with her new stepfather, a Nationalist army

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captain named Vidal (Sergi López). When Ofelia arrives at her new home, it becomes clear she matters little to Vidal. Ofelia increasingly takes refuge in a richly imagined fantasy life, one that eventually leads her to a faun living in the titular labyrinth on the house's property. With this film, director Guillermo del Toro seems to have created his manifesto, a tour de force of cautionary zeal, humanism and magic. (AH)

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13, 117 minutes) This movie is the biography of a real guy named Christopher Gardner, whom Will Smith, charming and bright, embodies to the fingertips. He is a salesman who ends up on the streets — with his son. The movie is almost devised like a rat-in-maze experiment. Every few minutes, some new obstacle comes up for Chris, at which point the film stands back and watches him improvise. (SH)

THE QUEEN (PG-13, 99 minutes) England's constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragicomedy. The crisis begins in late August 1997, when Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) learns of Princess Diana's death. Mirren's finely calibrated performance reveals a complex woman coping with a bewildering world. (DT)

ROCKY BALBOA (PG, 98 minutes) There's Sylvester Stallone again, sucking down raw eggs and pounding sides of beef to train for another prime-time bout. It feels like the first fight all over again, and suddenly a silly little movie built entirely on classic hokum seems to matter. Not just because it's one last roundhouse punch at the world of digital zeros and ones. It matters because this boxer taps into the hope that one day we're going to win big, too, after everyone has given up on us. (DT)

SCREAMERS (R, 91 minutes) Rife with rotting corpses, severed heads and massacred children, this is one of the most horrifying movies I've ever seen. Sadly, it's a documentary, not a slasher flick. A strident reckoning on a century of genocide, the film exhumes a Turkish campaign to exterminate Armenians in 1915, then casts a baleful eye on preventable slaughters up to the current ethnic cleansing in Darfur. But sadly, too, its call to action is somewhat undermined by unsubtle artistry. It isn't easy to watch, and not entirely because of its content. There is much ear-hammering heavy metal music and full-throated screaming, courtesy of the band System of a Down, whose members are Armenian American. The film is mainly their story — part history les-

son, part political broadside, part concert travelogue — with unwieldy results. Oral accounts from now-frail Armenian survivors and witnesses don't quite mix with strobe lights, headbanging fans and tour-bus antics. (RICHARD LEIBY)

SMOKIN' ACES (R, 118 minutes) In a penthouse suite in Lake Tahoe, a somewhat smarmy guy named Buddy "Aces" Israel (Jeremy Piven) has gone to ground while his lawyer is in D.C. huckstering him off to the highest bidder in the law enforcement casino. Buddy knows way too much about not only where the bodies are buried but who turned them into bodies in the first place. Mob bosses realize they have to get him fast, before he clinches the deal and is hustled off to protective custody. Thus every high-end hit man in the world is contacted and offered a million bucks if he or she can be the one to snuff Buddy; it's kind of like a hit man's Olympics. Isn't this grown-up? In a word, no, and that's what's so much fun about it. (SH)

STOMP THE YARD (PG-13, 115 minutes) This is really two movies. The first and most forgettable is the old one about a young man finding himself and becoming somebody. The young man is a Los Angeles street dancer named DJ, and at college he decides to commit to a team sport, and as an athlete finds the respect, the brotherhood, the emotional completion that has been denied him by circumstance and pathology. He leads the team to the nationals. Ho-hum. But the sport isn't basketball or football or anything like that: It's stepping. And that's the second movie. If you've never seen it, it's quite a show. (SH)

VENUS (R, 91 minutes) Maurice, a veteran stage actor (Peter O'Toole), is facing his final exit, both in career and life. He's also about to undergo prostate surgery, which will almost certainly render him impotent. But then he meets Jessie (Jodie Whittaker), the 19-year-old grand-niece of a close friend. Jessie may be sullen and lacking in sophistication, but Maurice sees her as an unwitting Venus, goddess of love and beauty. Normally, we'd balk at a movie about an 80-year-old man's infatuation with a teenage girl, but a geezer's lust is just the starting point for the film, an edgily charming meditation about the mysteries of attraction. It's something of a philosophical un-romance, as the filmmakers celebrate a spiritual connection between two generationally mismatched characters. Thanks to our warm investment in both characters, we're more than willing to sign up for this existential ride. (DT)

VOLVER (R, 121 minutes) Penélope Cruz plays a beleaguered Madrid homemaker



System of a Down in "Screamers," a documentary about the Armenian genocide.

at the center of Pedro Almodóvar's warmly seductive movie. She plays Raimunda, an airport cleaner whose quiet heroics take place at home, and she's a subtle revelation. Raimunda's courage is just as compelling as she contends with murder, adultery, incest and beyond-the-grave visits from her mother. (DT)



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THE MESSENGERS (PG-13) DIG (1235 300 530) 815 1030
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG-13) DIG (105 415) 815 1050
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 300 530) 800 1015
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1245 300 530) 800 1015
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (1230 345) 700 1015
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 440) 745 1015 1055
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (115 420) 705 1000
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (100) 830 1055
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (100 410) 715 1030
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1240 400) 700 1000
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1245 400) 700 1000
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (1230 405)

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CONSTELLATION (PG-13) DIG (215 450) 725 1000
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (210 445) 720 955
THE MESSENGERS (PG-13) DIG (255 520) 745 1010
OC: CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (120)
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (150 235 430 515) 715 755 950
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (130 200 415) 635 705 850 920 1105 1135
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (405) 710 1005
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 425) 750 1115
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG-13) DIG (410)
THE HITCHER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (910 1125
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (140 435) 735 1030
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (105)
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 350) 630
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (155 500) 800 1110
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (400) 740 1120
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (135 420) 700 940
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (125 440) 730 1020
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 340) 650 1015

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CONSTELLATION (PG-13) DIG (1150 220 500) 730 1000
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (1155 245 520) 745 1030
THE MESSENGERS (PG-13) DIG (1210 320) 700 1005
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1135 240 540) 810 1045
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (630 950
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 310 545) 800 1025
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 715 1005
VOLVER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (655 1020
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 645 945
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1220 315) 620 920
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 420) 710 955
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 130 230 430 530) 720 830
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (200 450) 740 1025
OC: CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (1140)
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (110 350) 635 930
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (100 400) 650 940
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (310) 610
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) DIG (105 350)
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (1215 330)
HAPPY FEET (PG) DIG (1250 340) 640 945
THE HITCHER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200) 810
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG-13) DIG (1200) 810
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1140 1230 150 250 410 510) 625 750 850 1010

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13

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Adv. Tix on Sale BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale GHOST RIDER (PG-13) ★

CONSTELLATION (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 745 1015
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (115 400) 715 945 1205
THE MESSENGERS (PG-13) DIG (215 500) 815 1100
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (345) 700 1030
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 500) 815 1050
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 415) 715 1015
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 730 1030
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (200 445) 745 1000 1210
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (130 415) 730 1000
THE QUEEN (PG-13) DIG (200 445) 800 1025
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (230 515) 830 1055
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (230 515) 800 1045
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (115 400) 700 945 1220
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (100)

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CONSTELLATION (PG-13) DIG (115 345) 715 945
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (145 430) 730 945
THE MESSENGERS (PG-13) DIG (130 445) 800 1030
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (100 300 500) 700 930
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (1245 400) 745 1030
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 420) 705 1000
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 415) 745 1015
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1245 400) 700 1000
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (130 415) 730 1000
CASINO ROYALE (PG-13) DIG (1230) 715 1015

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

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EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (105 310 515) 730 940
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (125 440) 735 1020
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG-13) DIG (120 425) 725 1015
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 430) 750
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (135 350) 645 920
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 425) 725 1015
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 400) 700 950
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 720 950
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (110 410) 710 1010
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (145 415) 650 930
THE HITCHER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1005)

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CONSTELLATION (PG-13) DIG (100 430) 715 1000
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (1230 245 515) 745 1020
THE MESSENGERS (PG-13) DIG (1230 240 500) 730 1000
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (1245 415) 715 1015
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 445) 815 1045
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (300) 645 1045
THE QUEEN (PG-13) DIG (1250 345) 730 1015
THE HITCHER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240)
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (650 955
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (100 430) 745 1030
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (110 445) 800
THE QUEEN (PG-13) DIG (1250 340 530) 730 1010
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1245 400) 700 1010
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (1240 410) 645 945
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (110 340)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 700 1020

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CONSTELLATION (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 730 1000
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (215 500) 745 1005
THE MESSENGERS (PG-13) DIG (100)
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG-13) DIG (115)
OC: CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (100)
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 445) 815 1030
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (400) 715 1030
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (330) 645 930
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 335) 645 950
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 335) 645 950
BABEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (325) 915
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (130 430) 745 1030
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 345) 715 950
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1245 345) 700 1000
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (145 445) 800 1030
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (145 430)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1230 315) 700 945
VOLVER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245) 650

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Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale GHOST RIDER (PG-13) ★
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Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale GHOST RIDER (PG-13) ★

CONSTELLATION (PG-13) DIG (1150 220 445) 720 1000
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DIG (1220 240 500) 740 1005
SMOKIN ACES (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 340 530) 730 1010
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1200 210 430) 755 1015
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG-13) DIG (120 415) 710 955
DEPARTED (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (630 945
THE QUEEN (PG-13) DIG (350) 655 925
THE HITCHER (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1025
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) DIG (1230)
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13) DIG (105 405) 700 950
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 355) 655 930
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 230 450) 750
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) DIG (1215 315) 640 940
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DIG (115 400) 735 1015
CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G) DIG (100 340)
PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13) DIG (1235 325) 650 935

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BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG13) / 3:20, 8:20, 1:00
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG13) / (10:45 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50, 12:30
THE DEPARTED (R) (10:05 @ \$5), 1:25, 4:45, 8:35, 11:55
EPIC MOVIE (PG13) / (10:40 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 8:00, 10:15, 12:45
EPIC MOVIE (PG13) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:10, 5:25, 8:00, 10:15, 12:45
SMOKIN' ACES (R) / (11:30 @ \$5), 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25, 1:00
THE HITCHER (R) 12:40, 5:55, 10:50
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) (10:05 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:45, 6:50, 9:45, 12:40
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 12:05, 2:55, 5:30, 8:05, 11:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:30
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) (11:20 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:50, 7:50, 10:35
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) (10:15 @ \$5), 1:40, 5:00, 8:10, 11:30

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BABEL (R) (10:25 @ \$5), 2:00, 5:10, 8:30, 12:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) (10:00 @ \$5), 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:10
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) / (10:00 @ \$5), 1:10, 4:25, 7:40, 11:00
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) (10:20 @ \$5), 1:05, 3:50, 6:55, 9:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:25, 2:50, 5:50, 8:25, 11:10
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 12:30, 3:55, 7:00, 10:30
THE QUEEN (PG13) (10:35 @ \$5), 1:20, 3:50, 6:35, 9:05

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THE MESSENGERS (PG13) / 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG13) / 7:45, 10:00
THE DEPARTED (R) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00
EPIC MOVIE (PG13) / 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
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STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

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EPIC MOVIE (PG13) / 12:05, 2:10, 4:15, 6:20, 8:25, 10:30
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:00, 3:25, 6:50, 10:15
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:20, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 10:00
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:10, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:10, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

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THE MESSENGERS (PG13) / 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30
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EPIC MOVIE (PG13) / 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:50
SMOKIN' ACES (R) / 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:20, 4:55, 7:55, 10:45
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 3:15, 6:55, 10:35
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PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:20

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EPIC MOVIE (PG13) 2:20, 5:30, 7:45, 9:55
SMOKIN' ACES (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:40, 4:05, 6:45, 9:30
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
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BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG13) / 7:50, 10:35
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG13) / 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
THE DEPARTED (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15
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SMOKIN' ACES (R) / (11:35 @ \$5), 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20
THE HITCHER (R) (10:45 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) (10:20 @ \$5), 12:40, 3:05, 5:30
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:25
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) (11:00 @ \$5), 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35
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LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) (10:00 @ \$5), 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) (1:05 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:00
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) (10:15 @ \$5), 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 10:30
THE QUEEN (PG13) (10:05 @ \$5), 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30

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THE MESSENGERS (PG13) (11:30 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG13) (11:55 @ \$5), 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35
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EPIC MOVIE (PG13) (10:45 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30
SMOKIN' ACES (R) (11:50 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) (10:40 @ \$5), 3:15, 8:10
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THE HITCHER (R) 12:10, 2:15, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10, 10:25
ALPHA DOG (R) 4:30, 7:30, 10:40
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 12:15, 2:25, 5:25, 8:25
BORAT (R) 12:05, 2:00, 4:05, 6:00, 8:00, 10:35
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
BABEL (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
THE QUEEN (PG13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:00

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THE MESSENGERS (PG13) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG13) 1:30, 3:55
EPIC MOVIE (PG13) 12:25, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
SMOKIN' ACES (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
THE HITCHER (R) 12:20, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:10
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05

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SCREAMERS (R) 1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 8:00, 10:10
BABEL (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 4:45, 9:40
OPAL DREAM (PG) 2:00, 5:15, 7:30
THE HISTORY BOYS (R) 2:15, 7:45, 10:20
LITTLE CHILDREN (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

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DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) / (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35
THE MESSENGERS (PG13) / (10:45 @ \$6), 1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:20, 10:40
CATCH AND RELEASE (PG13) / (10:50 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
EPIC MOVIE (PG13) / (10:15 @ \$6), 12:40, 2:50, 5:05, 7:40, 9:55, 12:05
SMOKIN' ACES (R) / (10:00 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30, 11:00
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) (11:25 @ \$6), 2:00, 5:00, 8:05, 10:45
THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R) 12:00, 3:30, 7:15, 10:50
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45, 12:10
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) (10:05 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:30, 7:45, 10:55
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) (10:05 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:30, 7:45, 10:55
CASINO ROYALE (PG13) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:35, 7:50, 10:55

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LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R) (10:05 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:10, 7:25, 10:30
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30, 11:55
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) (10:10 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25

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THE MESSENGERS (PG13) / 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG13) / 8:00, 10:30
THE DEPARTED (R) 6:40, 10:10
EPIC MOVIE (PG13) / 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
SMOKIN' ACES (R) / 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
THE HITCHER (R) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 4:35
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 4:35, 7:40, 10:35
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 4:30, 7:50, 10:45
HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 5:40
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 4:05, 7:00, 9:50
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 3:45, 6:45, 10:20

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CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:20, 4:40, 6:50, 9:10

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VOLVER (R) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
BABEL (R) 1:30, 9:40
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FREEDOM WRITERS (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
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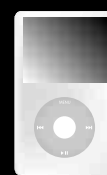
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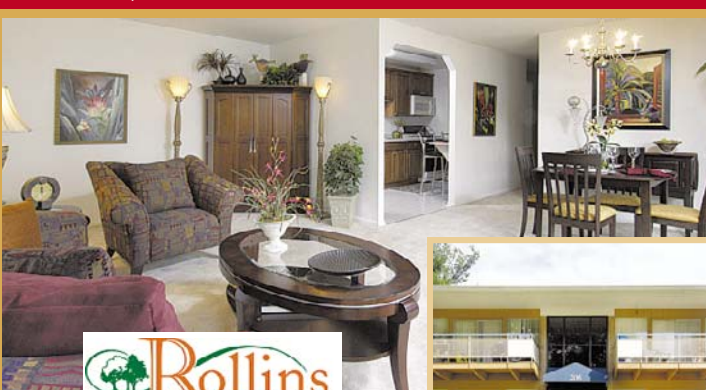
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Shopping

Grocery stores try to lure shoppers with unique offerings

When Roberta Mand needs groceries, she has a world of choices in her own backyard.

For regular shopping, she goes to her neighborhood Kroger Co. store. But for steaks, she prefers the Costco Wholesale Corp. store. For a pecan-encrusted tilapia to take home for dinner, she's off to The Fresh Market. And if she's hankering for sushi, she hits the Wild Oats Markets Inc. store a couple of minutes away.

"It just depends on what I'm looking for," said Mand, a married mother of two who works from her suburban home and typically cooks five nights a week. "I like variety."

These are spicy times for those who like variety in their grocery shopping choices, in price, selection and convenience. More retailers are using food to lure customers, intensifying competition while taking bites of the nearly \$6,000 a year American households spend on groceries.

For most households, the days when nearly all grocery shopping

“Once I’ve got somebody in my store, whether I’m a CVS or a Racetrack, I want to make as much money as I can.”

JACK HORST, GROCERY ANALYST

was done weekly at a supermarket with a meticulously detailed list are fading into the past. Now there are club stores to buy in bulk at discount prices, supercenters for combining grocery with clothes and other shopping, specialty stores for gourmet choices, and, for quick pickups of basic grocery items and snacks, not just convenience stores but expanded gas stations, drugstores, dollar stores and big-box retailers.

David B. Dillon, chief executive of Cincinnati-based Kroger, said the business is being transformed by "the fragmenting of where people buy groceries," and not just the emergence in the last two decades of discounter Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and of higher-end competitors such as Wild Oats and Whole Foods Markets Inc.

Kroger, the largest U.S. traditional grocery store chain, has kept prices down overall while expanding its store formats. No-frills Food



Todd Thon, an employee in the meat section at Whole Foods Market in Austin, Texas, offers a customer a standing rib roast.

Food Fight

4 Less discount stores operate in some markets and upscale Fresh Fare stores in others, with Market-place stores — double the typical size of Kroger stores and offering such nonfood goods as bedroom furniture, office supplies and jewelry — in growing suburban areas in several states.

The big grocers and Wal-Mart have responded to growing demand by expanding organic and specialty food sections.

Wal-Mart, now the national

leader in grocery sales, continues expanding, with nearly 2,200 Supercenters, and also sells groceries in Sam's Club stores and Neighborhood Markets. Target Corp. has steadily added grocery-selling SuperTarget stores, to nearly 200. And Britain's Tesco PLC, one of the world's largest retailers, plans to test the American grocery waters this year with stores in California, Nevada and Arizona.

"Most of the competitors are fighting half a dozen or more

wars," said Burt Flickinger III, managing director of Strategic Resources Group. He said Kroger is one of the few grocers to have shown an ability to compete head-to-head with Wal-Mart; Kroger said last year it increased market share in 20 of 28 areas where it faced major Wal-Mart competition.

"Over time, all the supermarkets, at least those that survive, will survive by having gotten better," Dillon said. DAN SEWELL (AP)

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It'll Be Hard to Miss That Bus

TRANSIT | On 16th Street NW, late-night bus rides are crowded and sometimes chaotic. As downtown office building cleaning crews finish up for the night, their homebound journey creates a late-night rush hour of sorts — something you'll notice if you're on the bus or on the sidewalk. All of this activity, both bus and pedestrian, in the dark of night can increase the risk of accidents.

Coming on the heels of a fatal bus accident that killed a pedestrian crossing 16th Street NW last month, Metro last week began installing strobe lights atop 100 of its vehicles. The flashing is meant to be more eye-catching to distract pedestrians, a clear alert that a

bus is heading their way.

Judging by a Metro video demonstrating the device at wmata.com, don't expect Las Vegas-style flashiness or a disco-ball effect. It's just enough to be seen, but not enough to be visually offensive.

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

Poll: CEOs Make Enough

COMMENTS | Thursdays Poll Center question, "Have CEO pay packages gotten out of control?", seemed to bring most respondents into agreement. In an era of lavish pay and severance packages, an overwhelming number of voters — 93 percent — thought that compensation for CEOs is indeed getting out of hand. There was that remaining



TOO MUCH: President Bush said CEOs make too much, and our poll voters agreed.

7 percent who thought current CEO pay is OK. Sadly, they didn't explain their reasoning.

That didn't sit very well with commenter UR: "Someone voted no? Who? Why? You can't really think that CEO pay is fair. I beg you to argue in their defense. Absolutely astounding. 200 million dollar severance pay recently announced for

the guy who QUIT Home Depot, and some idiot thinks that's fair. Amazing." M.G.

→ Coming Up Today

Expect delays on the Green Line this weekend. Trains will be single-tracking between the L'Enfant Plaza and Navy Yard stations from 10 p.m. today until close on Sunday.

? Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Which part of the Super Bowl are you looking forward to?

1. The game
2. The ads
3. Halftime
4. Not watching

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Have CEO pay packages gotten out of control?

YES **NO**

93%

7%

As of 6 p.m. Thursday. Not a scientific poll.

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"Industry saves the day! It is now safe to enter a mosque in the presence of Paul Wolfowitz!"

CIRCUMLOCUTOR.BLOGSPOT.COM RELAYS NEWS THAT A GROUP OF TURKISH SOCK MANUFACTURERS RUSHED 12 PAIRS OF SOCKS TO THE WORLD BANK PRESIDENT AFTER HE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED EARLIER THIS WEEK ENTERING A MOSQUE IN TURKEY WITH HOLES IN HIS SOCKS.

Ballistic Vodka

"Being a bit of a history buff, my problem with V2 is the name itself: The V2 was the world's first ballistic missile and was used by the Nazis at the tail-end of World War II to kill scores of British civilians."

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"We have to share this month with groundhogs, valentines and dead presidents."

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IT's Hands Are Tied

"[M]y computer totally and completely died. It just shut down and simply refused to start up again. I'm pretty sure that at some point there was actually smoke billowing out from the back of the computer case. And then I think it started swearing at me. It was a bit startling."

GOODATDRINKINGBADATLIFE.BLOGSPOT.COM FINDS SOME RELIEF NOT HAVING COMPUTER ACCESS.

Anxious Bears Fan Awaits Sunday

"People keep coming up to me because of the Bears hat and asking me: 'How do you think it'll go on Sunday?' I never have an answer. Sometimes I give the jokey 'Bears, 72-3.' Sometimes I give the uber-humble 'I think we have a shot.' But every time I hear the question, I just want it to be Sunday at 6:24 p.m."

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Live Online

Super Bowl

Washington Post NFL insider and blogger **MARK MASKE** was online Thursday in Miami to talk about Sunday's Super Bowl and to give his pick to win the big game.

I see this Super Bowl as a replay of XXV with the favored Colts (Bills)



not quite able to match the ferocious Bears (Giants). What do you think?

I think if these two teams played a seven-game series, it would go six or seven games and the Colts would win. The Colts, to me, are a little better. But the Bears certainly are capable of winning if a few things go their way.

If the Colts win the Super Bowl, do you think Tony Dungy will be considered an elite coach, or will Peyton Manning get the credit?

I kind of think they're tied at the hip. I think Tony Dungy will get plenty of recognition for being an elite coach if

the Colts win this game. He's been a trailblazer and he's been a consistent winner and if he adds a Super Bowl triumph to that, there's no way not to recognize him as that.

Given this week's general lack of news, don't you think it would have been possible to cram all this excitement into only one week?

The NFL likes the two-week build-up. I think most of us could do without the extra week, but it's hard to argue with the way the NFL does its business.

I hope this Super Bowl won't turn out to be a "field-goals only" game.

I don't think we'll have a field-goals-only game, but it is a game that's even enough that you could see it coming down to a last-second field goal, and both teams have guys that you would think would make a kick like that.

Do Hall of Fame voters stop to think about how they tarnish this institution by electing a guy like Michael Irvin and not a guy like Art Monk?

I'm not big on keeping someone out of the Hall of Fame for his misdeeds off the field. It is the Hall of Fame, not the Hall of Virtue.

DO

CALCULATE THE DISTANCE OF THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD. Of course, you'll need a map of Oz to do that; luckily, it's one of the many weird maps collected at Strangemaps.wordpress.com every day. Another gem: the worldwide political borders of the warring powers in George Orwell's "1984." Cool.



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Oprah: Don't apologize without her.

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Even Lawyers Deem Public Murder Apology Unseemly

A 21-year-old man freed from custody for a murder he committed at age 11 has apologized to the family of his victim, with help from **OPRAH WINFREY**. Nathaniel Abraham traveled to Chicago with the intent of appearing on Winfrey's show Wednesday. The taping was canceled at the request of his lawyer. (AP)

CAREERS

Publicity Stunt Has The Stench of Truth to It



Taco Bell president Greg Creed has offered **KEVIN FEDERLINE** a job at the Taco Bell franchise of his choice, plus a uniform and badge, E! reported. His rep told E! that K-Fed had "a big, big laugh about it." (EXPRESS)



SETH WENIG/AP

ROLLING IN IT

Here Comes Money

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the last of seven installments of the boy wizard's adventures, will be published July 21, author **J.K. ROWLING** said Thursday. Scholastic Children's Books, the U.S. publisher, said it would offer a hardback edition at a suggested retail price of \$35, a deluxe edition at \$65 and a reinforced library edition at \$40. (AP)



THREAT

Actors Need To Stop Driving So We Can Live

"Prison Break" actor **LANE GARRISON** should be charged with manslaughter and drunken driving for a car crash that killed a teenage passenger and injured two others, Beverly Hills, Calif., police said. Investigators have asked county prosecutors to charge Garrison, 26,

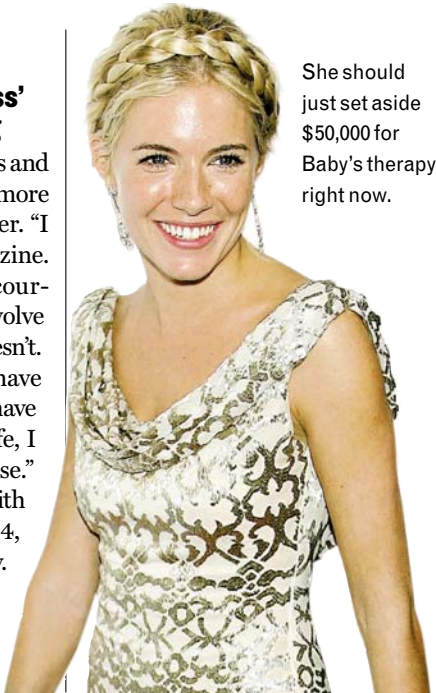
We have very little idea who this is.

with felony gross vehicular manslaughter; driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Investigators recommended that the DUI allegation carry the enhancement that he had a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 percent or more. (AP)

UNHEALTHY

First Child to Bear Full Responsibility for Actress' Happiness, Life Meaning

SIENNA MILLER is both an actress and fashion icon. Still, there's one more title she'd like to have: mother. "I can't wait," she told Life magazine. "In a world where you're encouraged to have your universe revolve around yourself, suddenly it doesn't. I know I want that because I have way too much love to give. If I have a child, it can all go there. Life, I think, will suddenly make sense." Her on-and-off relationship with dashing ex-fiance Jude Law, 34, made her an overnight celebrity. She reportedly broke off their engagement in 2005 after he publicly apologized for cheating. (AP)

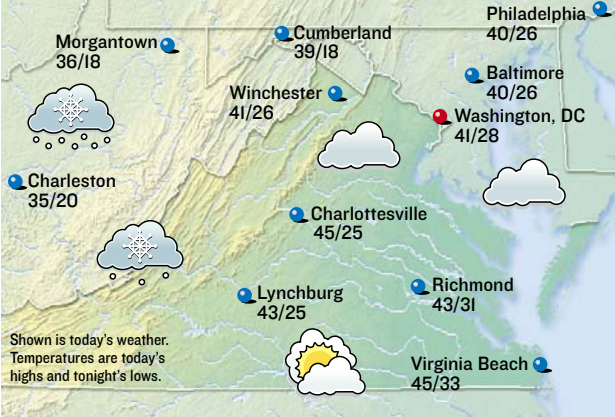


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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:14 a.m.

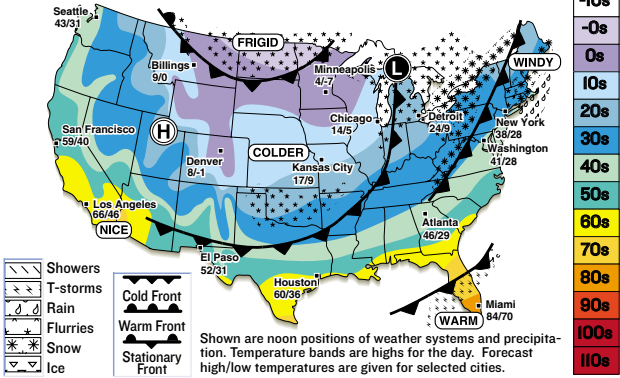
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Moonset today 7:40 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, February 2



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	46/29/pc	46/28/pc
Boston	35/26/sn	32/18/pc
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Dallas	37/23/sf	42/32/pc
Denver	8/-1/pc	26/18/pc
Honolulu	78/62/sh	78/60/s
Los Angeles	66/46/pc	73/48/s
Miami	84/70/t	82/65/c
New York City	38/28/sn	33/21/pc
Orlando	75/57/t	66/46/c
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World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
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Athens	54/41/c	54/41/pc
Berlin	48/37/c	43/36/pc
Buenos Aires	95/73/s	93/73/s
Calgary	19/-3/c	25/10/c
Dublin	46/37/c	48/39/c
Geneva	45/32/c	48/25/s
Moscow	10/2/c	17/16/c
Rome	57/43/pc	57/43/pc
Sydney	75/68/pc	81/65/pc
Tokyo	51/43/s	54/43/s

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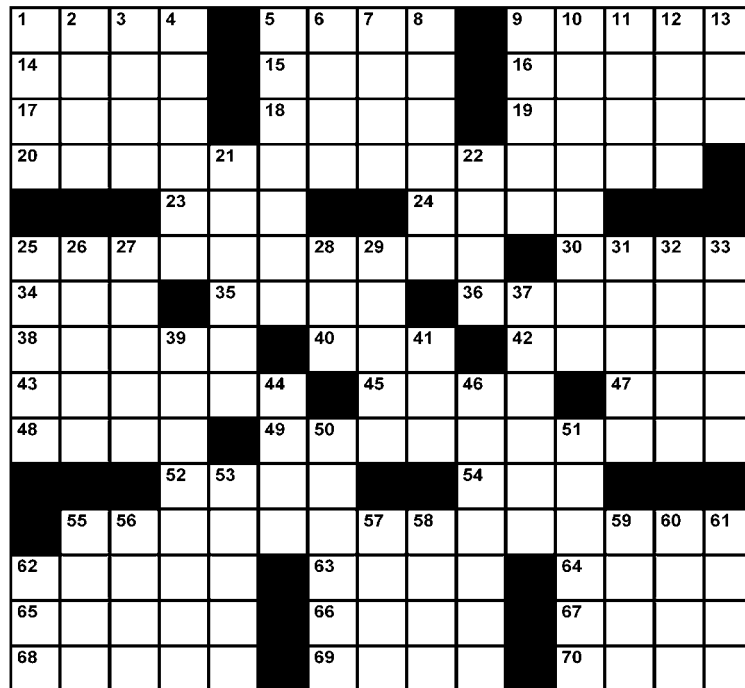
ACROSS

- 1 Come to a standstill
5 Curtain raiser
9 Rawboned animal
14 "Night" author Wiesel
15 Racetrack advisor
16 City in Greenland
17 "What's My ___?" (old game show)
18 Skating medalist Lipinski
19 The way to matrimony
20 Originator of 25-Across
23 West end?
24 Clinched, as a victory
25 It's set to 49-Across
30 ___ avis
34 "Who ___ to judge?"
35 "Como ___ usted?"
36 Cross the threshold
38 ___ a wet hen
40 Fearful movie
42 Make into law
43 Athletes' reps
45 Small, freshwater fish
47 Participate in Aspen
48 Cross
49 It's instrumental to 20-Across
52 "___ Leroy" (Frances E. W. Harper novel)

- 54 Always, poetically
55 Epithet for 20-Across
62 Capital of Vietnam
63 Type of house
64 Aromatic ointment
65 Prayer-concluding words
66 Horne the singer
67 "That makes sense"
68 Ingredient used in breadmaking
69 Alphabet run
70 "Got two fives for ___?"

DOWN

- 1 Ship's steering mechanism
2 Et ___ (and masculine others)
3 "The Mod Squad" role
4 Snicker sound
5 Is in the audience, e.g.
6 Type of mine
7 Street gang's domain
8 Type of type
9 A star stands for it in America
10 Offspring
11 Confidence trick
12 A good friend indeed
13 Veer to the right
21 Take into custody
22 Ones of a kind?
25 "___ of the Jungle" ('50s TV show)



- 26 Insect stage
27 Blockbuster rental, once
28 Broke bread
29 Nita, of the silents
31 Make ___ at (get fresh)
32 Lake who had a talk show
33 Shenanigan
37 Was abundant
39 Fireplace accessories
41 Barker and Kettle, e.g.
44 Farm storage building
46 Fastest of the felines
50 Kind of ticket
51 Erato's sister
53 Certain versifier
55 Exhibiting a limp
56 Military classification
57 Nonkosher
58 Put up, as a picture
59 Magazine publisher, Conde
60 Indian of Manitoba
61 Biblical paradise
62 Cow chow or horse course

Yesterday's Solution



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Yesterday's Solution

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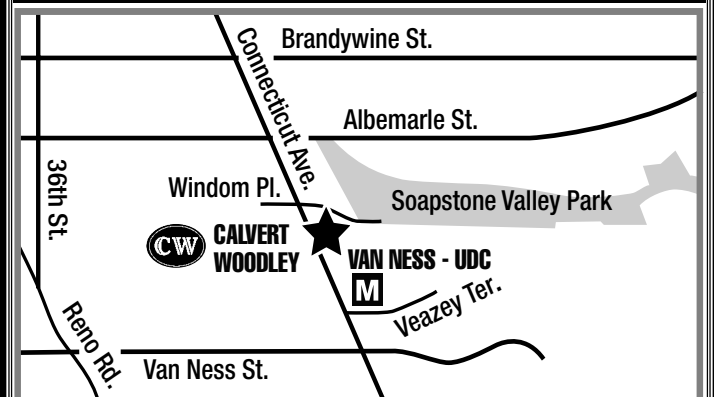


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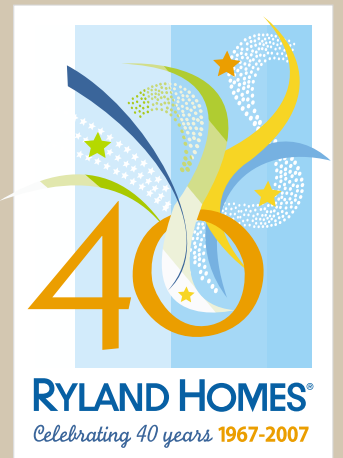
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■ **America Ferrera's** portrayal of the sweet title dork on "Ugly Betty" won the actress a Golden Globe. But fans and critics are also lauding Michael Urie's turn as Betty's sarcastic, sartorially daring rival magazine assistant Marc. Sporting over-the-top fashions (brocade sport coats, floppy red bow ties), Urie often steals the already funny show with his wicked eyebrow raises and not-so-bon mots.

People love to hate your character. What are you drawing on to play someone so funny and mean?

Marc is 90 percent wardrobe. When I walk into my trailer every day, there's always something outrageous and influential for me. I think anybody who wears the tight pants I wear would walk that way.

What's the wackiest thing they've made you wear?

I wore this great pink plaid dress shirt with a polo over it and a tie. Instead of a belt, they put another tie around my waist.

Has being on a show about fashion changed how you dress?

Well, I don't wear tie belts, but I'm definitely more aware of color. I

think of things in combinations now. For the Golden Globes, I wore a Hugo Boss tux with a Burberry tie and pocket square, and both were turquoise.

"Betty" has wild sets. Has its mod look influenced how you decorate your own L.A. pad?

The designers are so good with color — they do things with orange that just pop. I've done that with little pieces of red in my apartment. It's a cute little studio in West Hollywood. I've got a lot of Ikea stuff and one of those LoveSacs, which is like a giant bean bag. It's a great place to crash on to watch a movie.

What do you do for fun in L.A.?

It's all about friends and the com-



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Michael Urie

'UGLY BETTY' STAR, SHAKESPEAREAN ACTOR

pany you keep. Friends I've done Shakespeare with live right up the street. I like to spend time with them, getting a smoothie or going on a hike.

So, has doing "Betty" made you a fan of the fashion industry?

I'm amazed by how funny the fashion world and the fashion magazine world is. The industry isn't

about clothes you would necessarily wear. And models are strangely shaped — who would aspire to look like that?

You've done a lot of Shakespeare?

I studied under Michael Kahn at Juilliard. I've done Shakespeare in San Diego and in D.C. at the Folger. D.C. has such a rich theater scene! It's filled with intelligent liberals,

"D.C. has a rich theater scene. People get Shakespeare and sit quietly for it."

people who get Shakespeare and sit quietly for it.

How is doing a TV comedy different from doing classical theater?

It's really not that different. In Shakespeare, all the characters mean what they say. There's no sarcasm or subtext. And it's similar with the show. Since it's based on telenovelas, we're always letting the audience in on what's going on.

So, if Marc were in a Shakespeare play, who would he be?

Somewhere between Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and Sir Andrew Aguecheek in "Twelfth Night." He's a mischievous imp trying to please his boss.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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Weekend

Free For All

The Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage celebrates a decade of performances

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Open Invitation

The Kennedy Center's Millennium stage is celebrating a decade of free performances and you're invited. Free, of course. Get the details in the Weekend section.

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1 Right in the Kisser

LICK SOMEONE ELSE'S LIPS this Valentine's Day. Zazzle's Sealed With a Kiss stamps (\$18 for 20 \$.39 stamps, zazzle.com) feature the lip prints of 14 celebrities (plus one with Benji's paw print). The mouths range from Kristen Bell, left, to Gene Simmons (ewww) and Jessica Alba. To make the smooch sweeter, 20 percent of net proceeds benefit the Humane Society.

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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I've just accepted my first real post-graduation job, with a K Street lobbying firm. I need to look professional, but like most recent graduates I'm poor. What would you suggest for under \$100? —MARILYN

■ Manolo says, ayyyyyyyyy! Disillusionment thy name shall be Marilyn! What better way to produce the bitter cynic than to take the fresh-faced innocent straight from the halls of ivy into the Washington lobbying firm? It is like taking the small child



who enjoys the occasional hot dog into the very heart of the sausage factory. After two minutes, everyone is sick to his stomach, weeping and looking for the exit. But, it is all so exciting at the start, especially if you have the nice shoes at the bargain prices. Of the course, the Manolo knows what it is like to be the poor person in the professional world, so poor that you must construct your own super fantastic shoes out of the napkins and swizzle sticks left over after the eight martini lunch with Sen. Eustis T. Knuckles, head of the Select Committee on Groping. And so the Manolo would recommend the O-Carmen, from the O Oscar by Oscar de la Renta (\$100, zappos.com) as being the sophisticated shoe with the classic line that will not rupture the bank.

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ON THE COVER

Nida wears Rebecca Hannon's rubber earrings (\$400, Jewelers' werk, 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-293-0249). Styling by Crystal Maria. Photo by Michelle Repiso. Model and stylist, T.H.E. Artist Agency.



4 A Hip-Hop Shop

MUSICIANS, boarders (skate or snow) and those who seek their streetwise style just scored a new clothing source. Commonwealth (1781 Florida Ave. NW; 202-265-1830; cmonwealth.com) rocks its new Adams Morgan branch (the original is in Norfolk) with his and hers clothes fit for clubbing or doing nollies and ollies. Standouts in a space of concrete, river rocks and wenge wood: shoes by Nike and Creative Recreation (\$70-\$125), hoodies by Billionaire Boy's Club and The Year Of's embellished men's jeans.

Grab Bag



3 French Twist

RETRO, CHANEL-ISHER FASHIONS (black-and-white frocks, frilly blouses) get an '07 update from Juliette Longuet, a Paris-born, U.S.-dwelling designer just picked up by Alex Boutique (1919 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-296-2610). Coco might go loco for a slinky slip dress (\$360) or a silk mini trimmed in tweed (\$265).

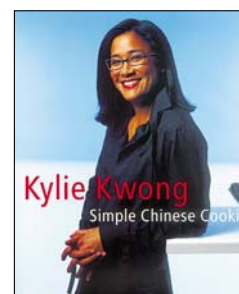


2 A Cure for Your Boxing Daze

THE CONTAINER STORE's crates and baskets seem so multipurpose they cloud our disorganized brains. That's why Design Within Reach's new MeBox (\$15, dwr.com) seduces. The cardboard stashers have a grid of punch-out dots on one end, meaning piggens can execute easy-to-I.D. shapes: a tree (for Christmas swag), a ball (for sports gear), a star (for Britney scrapbooks).

5 Asian Almost Instantly

ORDERING CHINESE delivery is quick. But it's almost as speedy to whip up the Cantonese dishes in "Simple Chinese Cooking" (\$35, Viking Studio). Aussie chef Kylie Kwong doles out recipes fit for near dummies (cashew chicken, shrimp wontons) in an oversized tome pretty enough for the coffee table.



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InStyle's wedding special reveals that Tom Cruise is short. And an alien!

SHOWS

Before the Divorce

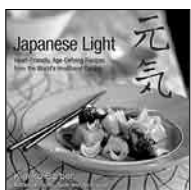
■ Falling victim to the occasional celebrity wedding show (Rob and Amber, Star Jones and ... what's his name, Mr. Star Jones) is forgivable. Watching "InStyle Celebrity Weddings" (Feb. 5, 10 p.m., ABC) is not. The nuptials, from Ali Landry's to that guy from Rascal Flatts', are all white dresses and romance and blah. Even Tori Spelling coughs up nothing but boring with "private" home movies of her second wedding (we thought "private" meant "not for national broadcast"), on a secluded beach with just her, her husband and some man blowing a conch shell. Even the big draw — Giorgio Armani talking about the TomKat nuptials — is a flop, except for hearing him say the line "Tom is not a particularly tall person."

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

A Little Too Light

■ The right ingredients mean nothing if you don't have a good recipe to follow. Choose carefully when it comes to "Japanese Light" by Kimiko Barber



(\$25, DK). While these food chapter was tempting, with recipes like sardines in ginger vinegar, steamed salmon with shallots and broccoli and hot-and-sour vinegar-pickled shrimp, the meat chapter had no standouts, just non-innovative ideas such as chicken yakitori and teriyaki. We did like the tofu and beans part, which contains scads of ideas to make

tofu not taste like tofu. K.P.K.



MEET YOUR GOALS: Finger foods keep the mess to a minimum while your guests rate commercials on the ad scorecard.

Bowl 'Em Over

Impress even die-hard fans with a Super party spread

Plant butt on couch, eat, watch — Super Bowl partygoers aren't hard to please. But that doesn't mean you can't throw in a few reversals. Here are some trick plays to keep your guests guessing.

LAYOUT: Non-fans are often amazed by the intensity of serious game-gawkers, who watch with bated breath, clenched fists and grinding teeth. This is precisely why space planning is important. If you have two televisions, use 'em: You want one for football lovers and another for casual partiers. "The people who need to chat need to just go into the kitchen," said John Finlay of Crystal City Sports Pub. "The people who want to watch the game need to be where the TV is." Entice talkers away from the game viewing with a food-centered fiesta in another room.

FOOD: Break the cheap-chip mold by investing in a deep fryer to make your own oil-soaked snacks. "I think everything is better deep-fat fried," said Christie Katona, co-author of "New Recipes From Your Deep Fryer." "It's labor intensive, but everything tastes really good."

Katona recommended battering up unusual vegetables (green chilies, parsnips) in addition to good old potatoes. And there're always Twinkies or Snickers bars, which give even Katona pause. "We've got to quit somewhere, don't we?"

Or, let the usual grocery-store salsa and guac inspire a menu of more authentic south-of-the-border fare. In the month leading up to the Super Bowl, Rosa Mexicano offered Mexican twists on bar-food classics: alitas picantes (spicy chicken wings), pork ribs served with fruit pico de gallo, and the Mexico City Hot Dog (chorizo sausage stuffed with Chihuahua cheese and wrapped in bacon). The latter sounds like "a heart attack on a plate," admitted James Muir, the restaurant's executive chef,

but he swears it's delicious. Rosa Mexicano is taking catering orders until noon Saturday (\$12-\$41 per person, 202-783-5522); we suggest the "Los Barrios Family Cookbook" (\$18, Villard) for the home chef.

Even if you go with standards, present bite-sized versions, which are easier and neater to inhale at top speed. Serve mini-burgers



The Beer Belly, au natural. You'll want to wear a shirt over it when you sneak into a football game. Which is wrong.

instead of full-sized patties, and weensy skewers in lieu of massive shish-kabobs.

DECORATIONS: Colts- and Bears-themed plates, napkins and streamers are all well and good; we placed them atop a clean faux-turf doormat "field" with masking-tape yard markers. But the "it" accessory of the year is the NFL/Hallmark ad scoreboard. Available at most party stores, the plastic poster allows your guests to rate each commercial on a scale of 1 to 10 using tiny football player-shaped stickers.

QUIPS FOR THE CLUELESS

Never watched a game before? Pretend you have!

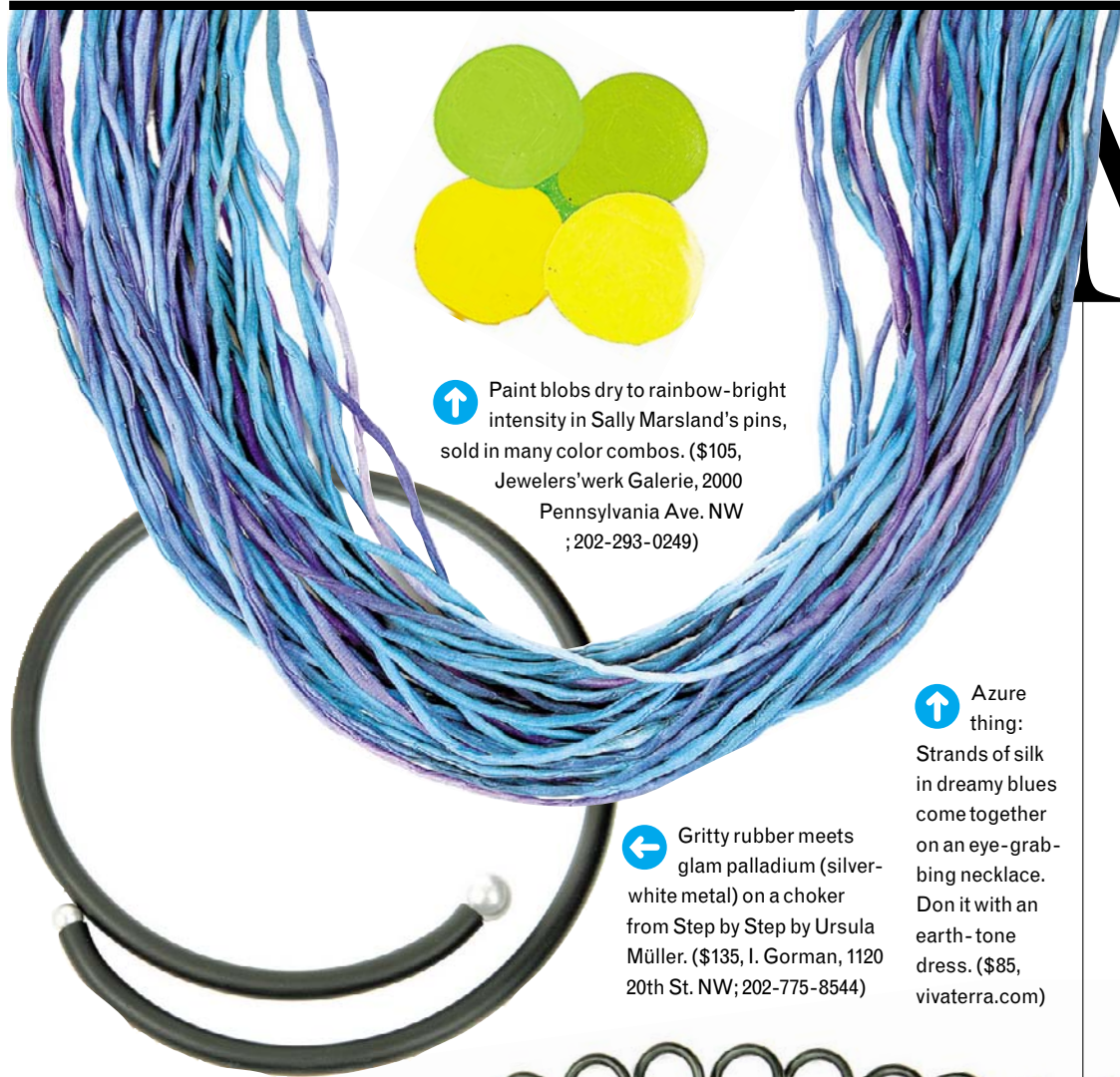
- On the Colts' quarterback (No. 18), who, despite being a league MVP hasn't yet been to the Super Bowl: "I'd love to see Peyton use that 'laser rocket arm' and get a Super Bowl ring."
- On the inconsistent Bears quarterback (No. 8): "Grossman's passer rating has been all over the place. He's either hot or not."
- On the Colts' receiver (No. 88): "He's not as flashy as T.O., but Marvin Harrison is one of the best wideouts in the game."
- On the Bears' middle line-backer (No. 54): "Brian Urlacher is a beast in the middle."

→ Reflecting on the Bears' Super Bowl days of yore (i.e. "The Super Bowl Shuffle"): "The Bears will have to play like they did in 1986 to beat the Colts."

COSTUMES: Football is all about comfort: sweats, jeans and jerseys. But for the partygoer who puts his suds first (or is so glued to the TV he can't bear a refill run), the Beer Belly (\$35, thebeerbelly.com) is a necessity. Pour a six-pack into the Belly and strap it across your midsection — it looks just like an authentic gut under your T-shirt! Dispense cold beers from the Belly's attached tube (one could run it through one's fly), or go high-class and drink directly from the nozzle.

Plus, adds creator Brooks Lambert, "You don't have to worry about spilling, holding your drink: It's hands-free." And it's not just about beer: Lambert's preferred belly-filler is a margarita.

JULIA BEIZER



↑ Paint blobs dry to rainbow-bright intensity in Sally Marsland's pins, sold in many color combos. (\$105, Jewelers'werk Galerie, 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-293-0249)

↑ Azure thing: Strands of silk in dreamy blues come together on an eye-grabbing necklace. Don it with an earth-tone dress. (\$85, vivaterra.com)

← Gritty rubber meets glam palladium (silver-white metal) on a choker from Step by Step by Ursula Müller. (\$135, I. Gorman, 1120 20th St. NW; 202-775-8544)

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Diamonds are still an engaged gal's best pal, and gold hoops turn anyone into Nefertiti. But jewelry makers are also shaping baubles from more unusual stuff. Ordinary things like felt, plastic, shells and comic books become extraordinary when turned into cool rings, tough cuffs and chic necklaces. "It's nice to invent something new, to convince people a piece of wax or wool is precious," said Rebecca Hannon, who cuts earrings from rubber. Way-outside-the-Tiffany-box bling packs a style wallop, which means it adds sparkle to outfits — and sparks conversation. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



← "Leather is connected with punk and S&M," said Julia Nielson, creator of pink hide earbobs for Flamingo. "It's a challenge to make pretty, girly things out of it." (\$46, starsandinfinitydarkness.com)



↑ It's a belt, it's a necklace, it's a rubber-and-metal marriage that somehow evokes rocker chicks and medieval knights simultaneously. Steel Couture, the brainchild of a former Broadway costume designer, brings us this and other citified bijoux. (\$90, unsungdesigners.com)



← A few and so help shells from beaches become an ethereally brooch. Use gussy up a c top with a de lace. (\$38, S Home, 1-412 NW; 202-986

← Known mainly as a kitchen countertop, Corian also forms rings, like Nanette Budden's fairy tale-y, crystal-inset babies. (\$450-\$600, Jewelers'werk)





← "Buttons are nostalgic, and I think they remind people of their grandmothers," said Wendy Cook, a recent D.C.-area transplant who strings the fasteners into punchy bracelets. (\$55, wendycook.com)



↑ Eight arms, many charms: An octopus gets laser-cut from shiny Lucite and hung from a silver chain on Alex + Chloe's delicate pendant. (\$48, alexandchloe.com)

↓ Pearls suit even the trendiest girls with pieces like Gellner's Disco Ring, a 13 mm South Sea orb mounted on blue plastic tubing. (\$625, I. Gorman)



→ Which earrings to bring on this month's trip to the tropics? Two of this raffia number, which would look fab with a white frock as they sway prettily in a warm breeze. (\$168, anthropologie.com)

→ Wool felt, the stuff of Christmas stockings and craft projects, goes sophisticated on Kelly Mulloy's cozy-cool rings. She also recontextualizes textiles on her stitched felt cuff bracelets. (rings, \$90, cuffs, \$48, greenergrassdesign.com)

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→ So Edie Sedgwick-on-safari, Gara Danielle's mod necklace merges wooden rings with gem trim. (\$162, Gara Danielle, 323-653-9600)

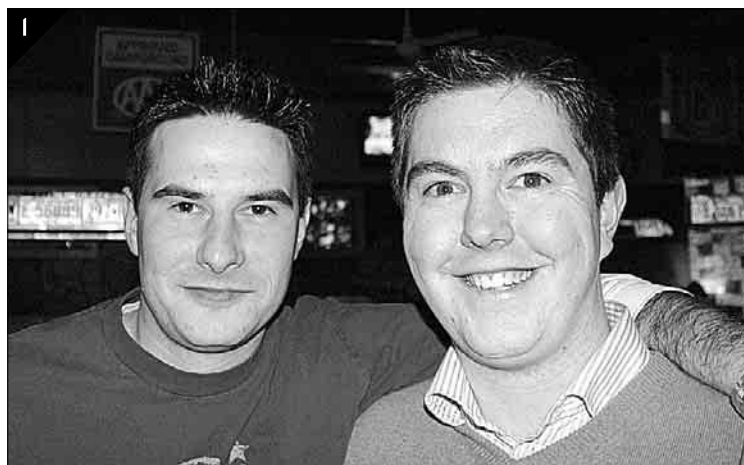


← Futuristic and fashionable, Danish designer Nane Kølgaard's plaited nylon bracelets look like jelly sandals for your arms. They would add whimsy and color to a sundress in warmer months. (\$24, greenergrassdesign.com)

→ Betty or Veronica? Milk shake or burger? Jalopy or bicycle? Relive the agonizing trials of Archie Andrews with a stretchy cuff decoupaged with comic book scraps. (\$39, Nido, 1425 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5445)



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↑ “Playing Monopoly with my stepmother.”

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Q What was your worst Valentine’s Day ever?

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1. “In 2002, I got deployed to Afghanistan and had to immediately hand over my cell phone, so my girlfriend didn’t know where I was,” Wyatt Cavalier, right, with Ryan Huebler. **2.** “I got some divorce papers and had to sign them on Valentine’s Day,” Josh Tesmer. **3.** “I had an anti-Valentine’s party, but it snowed and hardly anybody showed up,” Becky Goldstein, with Jason Yas-koir. **4.** “Right before Valentine’s Day, I wanted to surprise my boyfriend, and I opened the door and he was [cheating on me with] some chick on the couch while drinking from a bottle of wine I gave him,” Robin Maidman, left, with Katie Sullivan. **5.** “I’m blessed with a girl who doesn’t stress out or get mad about Valentine’s Day,” Nathan Rutherford. **6.** “I came home the day after Valentine’s Day and my then-husband asked if I had been at Embassy Suites the night before. My debit card was cloned and somebody had charged it,” Nicole Seidel. **7.** “It might be this year. It’s tragic. Things just ended. I’m sacrificing my Valentine’s Day,” Debbie Dey. **8.** “I’ve never had a girlfriend on Valentine’s Day,” Paul Needleman. **9.** “Playing Monopoly with my stepmother,” Tony Basar. **10.** “It’s too painful to talk about,” Jason Tacktil. STEPHANIE JONES

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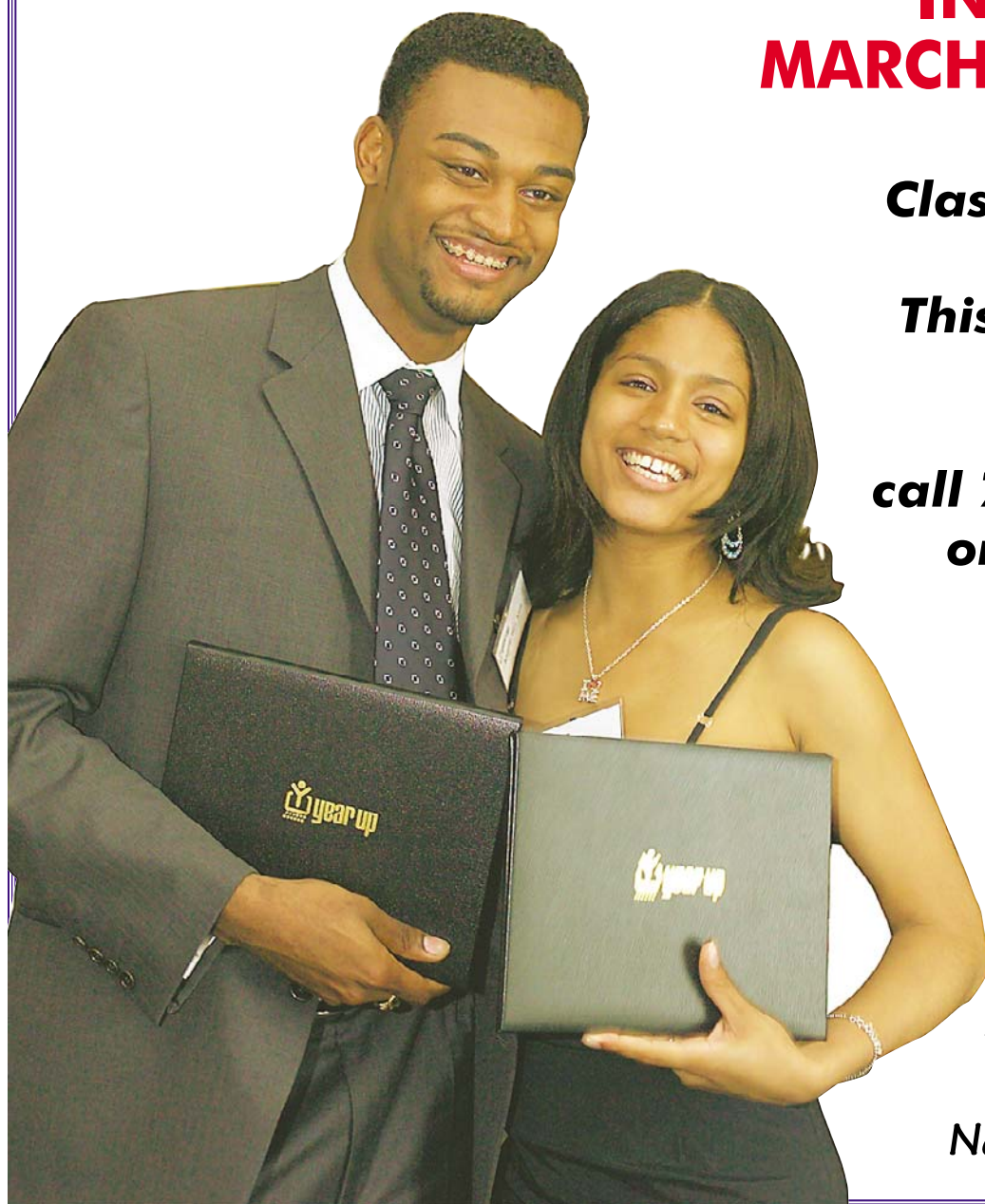
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Constance Brown, Regel Turner Jr.

Constance, 23, is a supervisor at Chevy Chase Bank. Regel, 24, is a selector at Collington Services. They live in Suitland.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal event for 125 guests on Feb. 2 in Gaithersburg.
- **Honeymoon:** A cruise to the Caribbean.
- **How They Met:** While working at Target.
- **First Impressions:** "I thought he was annoying," said Constance. "I thought she was breathtaking," said Regel.
- **First Date:** "We didn't have one because he was late picking me up, so I sent him home," said Constance. "He

called back five minutes later and apologized, so I let him come back."

■ **How He Proposed:** "I really didn't propose," said Regel. "We came to an agreement to take the next step."

■ **Their Song:** "Fortunate" by Maxwell. "Because I am fortunate to have her in my life," said Regel.

■ **When They Knew:** "When I first saw her," said Regel. "When our daughter was born," said Constance.

■ **The Dress:** A white dress with apple-red trim.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** The couple will jump the broom after being pronounced husband and wife.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** Constance is worried that "the cake will fall apart."

■ **With an Unlimited Budget:** "We would get married on an island with only 20 VIP guests," said Constance. "Less hassle!"

"I thought he was annoying" at first, said Constance.



The Life of the Party

SALLY DO'S impression of YUN-BIN CHEN wasn't a great one when they met at a soiree thrown by a mutual friend. "He ruined the party by tossing his cookies in the living room," said Sally. "Someone tried to jump out of the way and damaged the DJ's equipment." Yun-Bin, who goes by Ben, remembers things differently: "She was cute," he said. "But I was pretty buzzed that night, so everybody looked good!"

After that, they didn't talk for a few years. Then, "one day in 2003, he instant-messaged me out of the blue," said Sally. "I believe he secretly stalked me." (He denies this.) After dating for two years, Ben proposed at a gazebo in the Byodo-In Temple in Hawaii. "Avoid that spot if you dislike mosquitoes," he said. "But it'll look familiar if you're a fan of 'Lost' and you saw the episode where Sun and Jin met at her father's house."

Ben, 29, is a system administrator. Sally, 26, is an account executive. They live in Derwood and will marry in a traditional Vietnamese tea ceremony on May 12.



Chris Augusty, Susan Guevara

Susan, 36, is a database coordinator for a Montgomery County nonprofit. Chris, 45, is an accountant. They live in Washington.

■ **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony for 100 family members and friends on Feb. 17 in Washington.

■ **How They Met:** At a poker party. "I came late, took all his winnings and everyone else's money," said Susan.

■ **First Impressions:** "Susan was a good hugger," said Chris. "It made me think she might be interested in me."

■ **First Date:** Theology on Tap at Ireland's Four Provinces in Cleveland Park. "We had dinner and beers, and shared an ice cream at Cold Stone afterward," said Susan.

"He told me he didn't like the movie 'The Princess Bride.' Almost a deal-killer."

Kenneth Rowland, Joan Sullivan

Kenneth, 38, is a computer specialist for the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Joan, 44, is a senior trial attorney for the National Labor Relations Board. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** An evening wedding on Feb. 17 for approximately 170 guests. "It's more formal than I thought it would be, but there are some quirky aspects," said Joan.

■ **How They Met:** On Yahoo! Personals. "Ken made the first contact and I put him off for a three-week trip to Peru," said Joan.

■ **First Date:** "We bet dinner on the Broncos-Patriots playoff game last year, and my Broncos came through for me," said Joan. "Ken took me to Morton's."

■ **How He Proposed:** Last summer, Ken asked Joan to meet him on the



western steps of the Capitol for pizza, explained Joan. "Ken arrives. He is hot and sweaty. He has no pizza. He has no water. Under the blazing hot sun

mer sun and a big shade tree on the Western Lawn, Ken asked me. I did not ask where the pizza was."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Joan has a pair of slippers that I duct-taped back together," said Ken. "Unfortunately, she says they're more comfortable now than ever!"

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "The minister went to a Baptist seminary, there are elements of the Catholic wedding mass along with a reading of an Irish saying," said Joan. "The Native American blessing at the end sets the right tone, but as far as we know, neither of us are able to claim such heritage."

■ **How He Proposed:** On the beach in Hilton Head, S.C. "After I gathered myself together, I realized he was in a beach chair, and not on his knee, so I made him ask again," said Susan.

■ **When He Knew:** "When I saw her interacting with her nieces and nephews," said Chris.

■ **The Dress:** "An ivory silk, A-line, off-the-shoulder dress," said Susan.

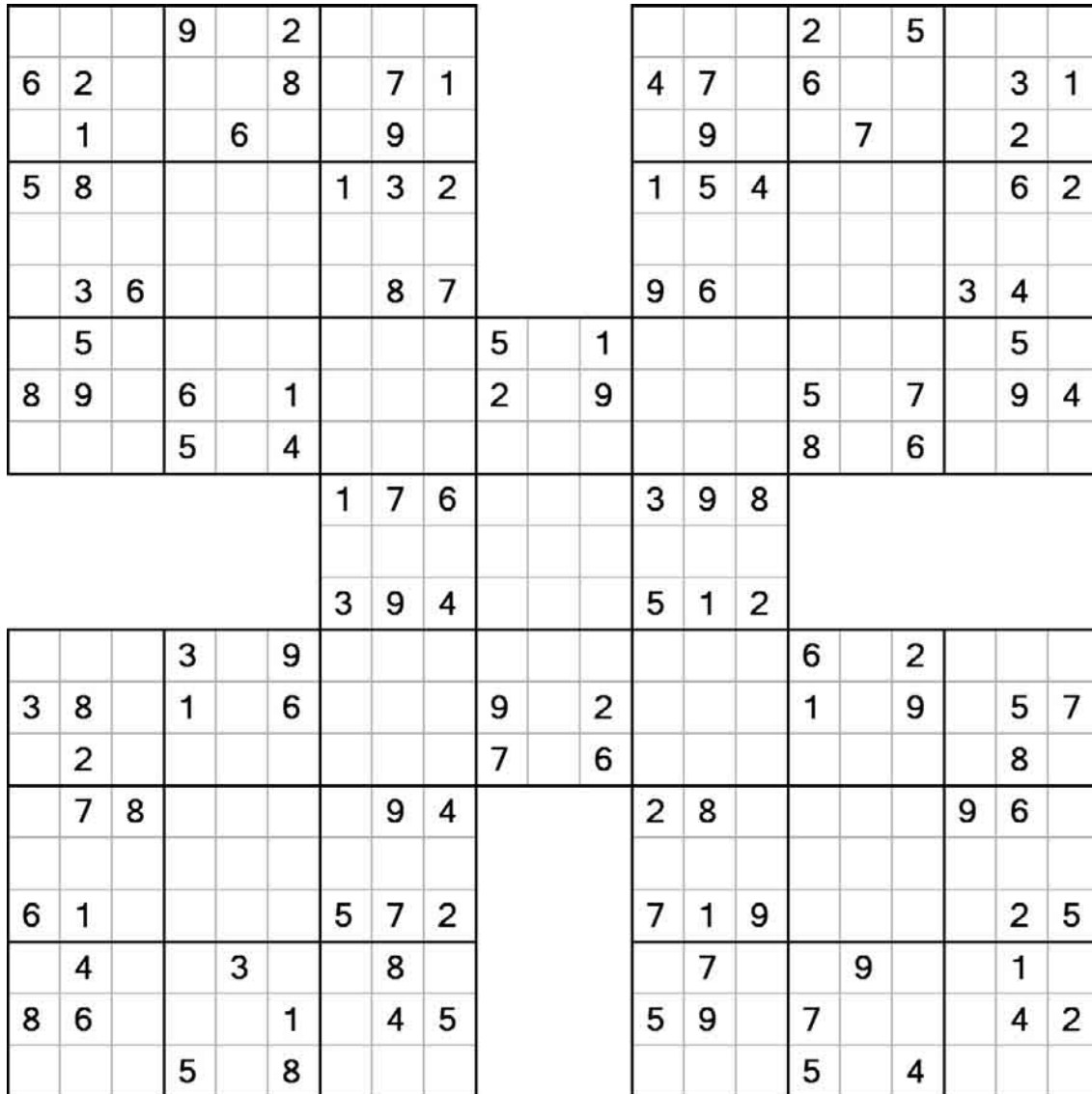
■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "Susan is Filipino, so we will wrap her grandmother's rosary within her bouquet, and we will have our mothers place a 'lazo' around our necks, symbolizing our life-long bond," said Chris.



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